

Canada Urged To Help Big Five Frame Plan To Stop Atom Race

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'Death Crash' Almost Reality

A staged "death crash" of two daredevil drivers (above) resulted in near-deadly reality in Pittsburgh before a Christmas shopping crowd of 2,500. The event, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Safety Committee, brought serious injuries to both drivers. One driver, Dwight Harris, 18, is shown as he was hurled from one of the cars. (NEA Photo)

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Lewis was in New York watching negotiations with anthracite operators. He had no comment on Dawson's suit, but has 20 days for a formal reply before the court considers issuing an injunction.

Senator Styles Bridges (Rep., N.H.), the third and neutral trustee, told newsmen the court battle should "clarify the situation." He said he had voted several times to accept Dawson, but Lewis blocked the move each time by voting no.

Film Board's No. 2 Man Resigns When Immediate Senior Dropped

OTTAWA (CP)—Ralph Foster, No. 2 man of the National Film Board, has submitted his resignation, effective Jan. 1.

Mr. Foster made his resignation public today.

In a letter to Film Commissioner Ross McLean, he said it was "hard to leave the Film Board," but "I could not remain after the statements that have appeared in the newspapers about you and your work."

Mr. McLean has resigned as commissioner of the Film Board. He will be succeeded by W.

Arthur Irwin of Toronto, former editor of Maclean's Magazine.

Mr. Foster told Mr. McLean "If you have been in error, which I refuse to believe, then I must share the consequences."

He said his action was no reflection on Mr. Irwin and that he had a great admiration for Mr. Irwin.

Mr. Foster said he hoped other senior officers of the board will remain to help the new commissioner, and he offered to defer his own departure "a month or two" if Mr. McLean desired.

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The adverse balance for the month—excess of imports over exports—fell from £37,600,000 for October to £34,700,000. This compared with an average of £42,200,000 in the third quarter and £21,000,000 in the first quarter.

Provisional figures for exports to the United States showed a rise to £7,300,000 compared with £5,600,000 for October. There was also a substantial increase in the volume of exports to Canada—£6,400,000 for the previous month.

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The eastern and southeastern parts of the United States had comparatively mild temperatures. The mercury dropped to sub-zero levels throughout most of Montana and parts of North Dakota and Wyoming.

Snow fell throughout most of the cold belt and strong winds piled drifts on many roads. Ice-glazed highways and streets in many areas slowed travel.

Salt Lake City reported 35 accidents, many resulting from icy streets, during a 24-hour period. Heavy snowfall was reported in northern Utah.

Fair To All

OSHAWA, Ont. (CP)—This city's council Monday night passed an anti-discrimination by-law, introduced by Ald. Harry Benson, who based the move on a recent anti-negro vote at Deesden, Ont.

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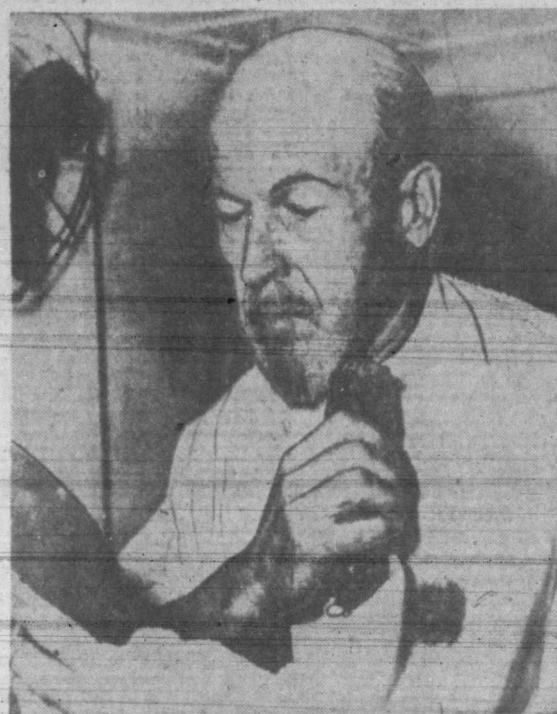
CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP)—The Harvard University student council voted 7 to 6 Monday night to ban discrimination for "color, race or nationality" in the membership of all college organizations.

Cost Of Living In Most Countries Rose In 1949

OTTAWA (AP)—Living costs in most countries increased during the first half of 1949, but most of the advances were confined to 5 per cent or less.

From January to June, the cost of living in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom advanced about 1 per cent. In Australia it rose about 5 per cent in the same period and in South Africa about 3 per cent, a Bureau of Statistics report shows.

Consumer prices in France, the bureau said in its summary, ap-



Long-Awaited Shave

Angus Ward, former U.S. Consul-General at Mukden, trims his famous beard for the first time in 13 months while en route to Japan aboard the Ss. Lakeland Victory. Ward and his staff were held captive by the Chinese Red government more than a year. (NEA Radio-telephoto)

Canada Asks Britain Not To Buy Wheat Exclusively

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada is seeking to defer some of her big wheat shipments to the United Kingdom to open markets in that country for cheese, bacon, salmon and lumber.

It was learned Monday that Britain is being sounded out on the possibility of taking less wheat in the 1949-50 crop year and using the dollars thus saved to buy other Canadian products.

The U.K. has already announced she is setting aside some \$25,000,000 for cheese purchases in North America in 1950. If the two countries can reach agreement on price, most of this sum is expected to be spent in Canada.

In addition, the U.K. is understood to be agreeable to a plan whereby she would defer 10,000,000 bushels of wheat already contracted for and use the dollars to buy about \$18,000,000 worth of Canadian bacon.

Now it is understood that up to 15,000,000 bushels of wheat may be deferred, allowing Britain to also purchase about \$5,000,000 worth of Canadian salmon and the same amount of lumber. Salmon and lumber contracts thus obtained probably would both go to the Pacific coast.

BENEFITS FOR GROWERS

The government is reported to feel that Canadian wheat growers would benefit from the scheme. A clause in the proposed

Weather Forecast

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Drafting Treaty

JERUSALEM (Reuter)—Secret negotiations "somewhere on the frontier" for a permanent peace treaty between Israel and Hashemite Jordan are likely to end late in January in a draft treaty to be initiated by both governments, according to reliable sources here today.

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Says Australians Feared 'The All-Powerful State'

WASHINGTON (AP)—The unsettling of the Labor government in Australia resulted from public fear over "left-wingism" and "the all-powerful state," says one of the men who sparked the Victorian Liberal and Country parties.

The voters wanted a change, contends one of the losers, but some of them "don't know why."

Reporting for the winners was Richard G. Casey of the Liberal Party who was sworn in Monday in Canberra as Minister of Supply in the Australian cabinet.

Casey said he believes that the defeat of the Australian Labor Party after eight years of power—coming as it did on the heels of a similar political change in New Zealand—"will have at least some influence on the coming elections in Britain."

His views were reported in an overseas telephone interview with the United States News and World Report, weekly news magazine published at Washington.

Asked if he thought the voters were "discontented" over any particular issues, Casey answered:

Hamilton Family Again Attacked By Vicious Rats

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP)—A horde of rats in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Godin of Hamilton, struck again Monday night, biting two children so severely on the feet that they are under a doctor's care.

With the rats completely out of control, the family is seeking other quarters or municipal assistance in exterminating the horde.

Victim of the rats for the third time, Monday night, was eight-year-old Paulette Godin, who suffered deep cuts on the second toe of her right foot when a rat attacked her as she slept. Also bitten on the foot was her sister, Doreen Godin, 6.

Friday night, Paulette was bitten on the nose and some days before that on the finger. Another child, Leonard, 3, was bitten 10 days ago on the finger.

"We telephoned the police again," Mrs. Godin said, "but they can't help us. We don't want to lose the house, because houses are so hard to find. But we must have something done before the children become seriously ill from the bites."

B.C. Missionaries Said Safe In China

TORONTO (CP)—Canadian missionaries are safe in Communist occupied areas of China, say reports reaching overseas missions headquarters of the United Church of Canada.

The missions headquarters announced today it had just received cables reporting the safety of Rev. E. Bruce Copeland in Chungking and Rev. Harris Veals at Chengtu.

Word from the External Affairs Department in Ottawa tells of the safety in China of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. McAttee, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Allen and Constance Ward, all of Vancouver.

Tropical Scratches

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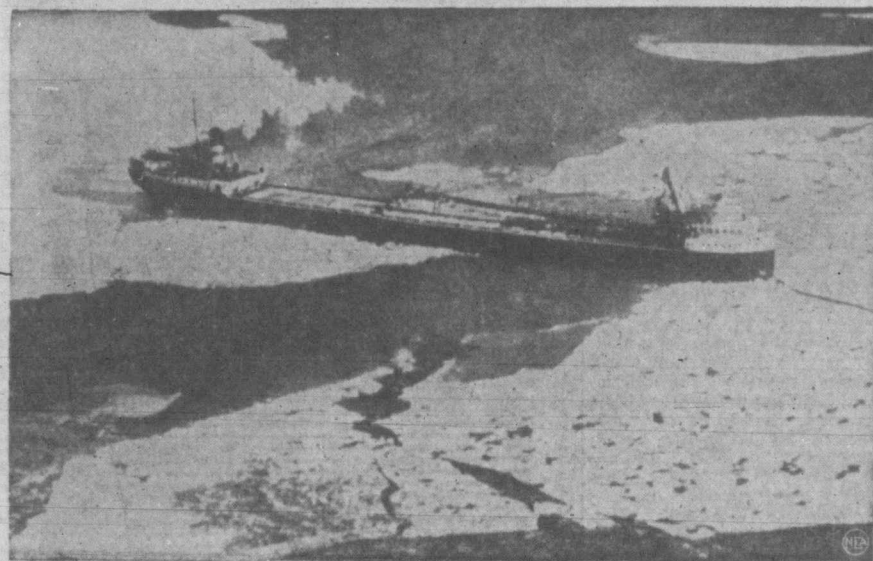
Third Race—Blue Rose, Pulling Pen, Little Viv, Not Me.

Fourth Race—Gee Tee Cee, Tior, Time Glory, Around Town.

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Eighth Race—Bright Warrior, Braggadocio, Menever, The Street.

Weather clear, track fast.



Caught In Winter's Grip

Symbolic of the new icy grip winter has on a large part of the United States is the freighter George F. Rand, grounded while bucking ice in Saginaw Bay, Lake Huron. An ever-thickening field of ice closes in on the 532-foot ship, loaded with 8,000 tons of coal, threatening to imprison her for the winter.

Sunday Dance Charge Against Cabaret Out

One more city by-law has to be revised.

In city police court this morning the charge against Monty Montaine, 1037 View Street, charged with unlawfully operating a dance at the Sirocco after the hour of midnight Aug. 21, contrary to the city Public Amusements By-law, was withdrawn by Magistrate H. C. Hall.

Claude L. Harrison, city prosecutor, reported to the court he had received word from the city solicitor, Arthur J. Patton, that the by-law would have to be withdrawn. Magistrate Hall authorized the charge to be withdrawn.

The case never got beyond the point where James J. Proudfoot, defence counsel, submitted his written arguments, although the trial was remanded from week to week for some time to hear arguments of the prosecution.

Defence counsel had contended the by-law did not apply to the Sirocco. He argued the by-law dealt only with public dance halls and not cabarets. Mr. Proudfoot showed the Sirocco was listed in the cabaret classification for the license fees and amusement taxes it paid.

He also contended the by-law was ultra-vires as it purported to deal with Sunday law, which already was governed by the Lord's Day Alliance Act.

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New York Officials Plan To Use Hudson River Water

NEW YORK (HUP)—City officials planned today to tap the Hudson River for 100,000,000 gallons a day to help solve New York city's water shortage.

Governor Thomas E. Dewey offered a similar solution to the crisis as state and city officials urged quick action to build up the metropolis' dwindling supply.

The plans were offered as water reserves in the city's reservoirs continued to fall. They were down to 31.8 of capacity despite urgent efforts to eliminate non-essential consumption throughout the city and appeals to residents to cut drastically in individual use.

Communists Unable To Kill Christmas

BERLIN (Reuters)—Attempts in the Russian zone of Germany to take the "Christ" out of "Christmas" have been abandoned because "middle-class traditions are too solidly ingrained for Christmas or Easter to be given a progressive aspect now."

This was announced today by the central committee of the Socialist Unity Party in instructions to local party branches to stop all propaganda against established Christmas customs.

The "little soliman"—abbreviation of the "little solidarity men" signifying solidarity with Russia—and "Heer Frost," presented as substitutes for the infant Jesus and Santa Claus have been discarded after a short life.

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He said he does not know whether any accept salary kick-backs from such "non-working" employees.

Burdick told a reporter he did not know whether payroll padding is "illegal," but that he is sure of one thing—"the people don't like it."

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\$1,200 Worth Of Loot Stolen Here Found In Vancouver

More than \$1,200 worth of goods, mostly jewelry, which was stolen in Victoria over a period of time, and sent to Vancouver, has been recovered and the owners identified, Inspector Harry Mercer, chief of city detectives, reported today. Detective John Lund is completing final records on the recovered loot.

Two young men have been apprehended in Vancouver in connection with the local robberies and it is reported they are awaiting trial on charges in the mainland city.

In the mass arrest of juveniles recently, the detective department solved a great many robberies of a varied nature in the city during the last month or so. Recovered goods have been returned to the owners.

The Victoria property was brought back here by Detective Cecil A. McIntosh, the plainclothesman credited with apprehending the two being held in Vancouver.

Vancouver Streets Treacherously Icy

VANCOUVER (CP)—Thousands of persons today walked to work, most of them an hour late, as freezing rain turned Vancouver streets into sheets of ice, paralyzing vehicular traffic.

Hill-bottom tieups of trolley coaches and buses dotted the city until road crews sanded the routes and main arteries. All downtown routes were disrupted as wheels skidded hopelessly where rain froze as it fell. Automobiles spun in dizzy circles.

Temperatures dropped to 21 degrees, equalling the previous low for the coast's early winter. Vancouver airport was out of commission until noon because of icy runways.

Lost Lagoon in Stanley Park and Trout Lake in the Grandview district had more than an inch of ice today and park board officials said skating may be allowed in two or three days.

Women, Newsmen Get Police Guard Out Of Joliette

JOLIETTE, Que. (CP)—Two women Jehovah's Witnesses were in Montreal today following a mob demonstration in front of their rooming house that ended in their departure in a taxi under police escort.

The mob scene—punctuated by loud cries of "Get out of here!"—occurred after the City Council had adopted a resolution asking that the two girls be expelled "by any legal means."

Told by the crowd to get out with the girls were two Toronto newspaper men, Charles (Chuck) Coady, a Daily Star reporter, and an unidentified photographer.

The women, Winifred Parsons, 26, of Sarnia, Ont., and Olive Lundell, 31, of Maidstone, Sask., came out of their residence as the crowd, estimated at 600 men and women, surged about the rooming house and cried out continuously.

Police Chief Valmore Lapierre later said the girls came out of the house at 10:15 p.m. after a taxi, called by demonstrators, had arrived. He said the women asked police to escort them to the taxi.

Constables made a guard about the girls and asked the crowd to clear a passage to the auto.

Police Chief Lapierre said the pair was not touched. The taxi driver was paid in advance with money collected from bystanders, the chief said.

The two women are the same who last Wednesday night were taken in a taxi by unnamed persons to Montreal where, police confirmed, attempts were made to jail them at the Fullum Street women's jail and No. 13 police station. The girls claimed they were also threatened with a dunking in a frozen lake.

A few minutes before the girls were escorted out of this prosperous French-speaking community 40 miles northeast of Montreal, their legal counsel, Glen How of Toronto, left a stormy city hall meeting after he had unsuccessfully tried to talk it was there at the council that the mob demonstration started. A delegation of some 200 persons asked for a council resolution to expel the two women from Joliette. Councilors said they knew of no legal way to do that. Mr. How attempted to speak and the crowd shouted for him to get out, and booed.

Crowd Warned Against Violence

Police Chief Lapierre said trouble appeared to be brewing for a moment as Mr. How left. The chief shouted: "Take care! You are not to touch these people."

He said the crowd left How and a Montreal man got out. The chief said he believed both men left for Montreal at this time.

The unidentified taxi driver refused to drive the girls to Montreal unless someone from the town could get in the taxi with them and be a witness to their transportation to Montreal, the police chief said.

He said "a young fellow by the name of Rouleau" was "accepted" by the girls and the taxi driver as a co-passenger.

The chief said the girls knew Rouleau as they had roomed at his residence for a while.

The girls' taxi was escorted out of town by Provincial Police and Joliette police patrol cars while a large train of local cars formed behind in a procession.

At the town's limits the Joliette police patrol left the escort.

Film Actor Bound, Gagged By Thugs; Apartment Robbed

NEW YORK (AP)—Robert Wilcox, motion picture actor, was found today bound and gagged in the apartment of actress Diana Barrymore. Police said he was tied up by two men who ransacked the apartment.

Wilcox told police he was alone in the apartment when two men appeared and said they wanted to leave flowers for Miss Barrymore, confined to hospital from the effects of a fall.

He told the men the daughter of the late John Barrymore was in the hospital, but the men insisted on leaving the flowers.

Taken from the apartment, the police said, were a mink coat, a silver fox scarf, a suitcase and about \$50 in silver.

The men bound his hands and feet with stockings and sealed his mouth with adhesive tape. Wilcox, whose name has been linked romantically with the young actress, said he had been occupying the apartment in her absence.

Man Loses Life As Craft Burns

VANCOUVER (CP)—Fisherman, Gustav Hansen, perished early today when fire wracked his 60-foot fishing vessel, Ken Falls, while it was moored at a cold storage dock here.

The fisherman, about 50 years of age, was overcome by heavy smoke believed caused by a burning mattress or clothing.

He was treated on the scene by an inhalator squad, but was pronounced dead on arrival at the Vancouver General Hospital. He had arrived in Vancouver Monday night with a cargo of cod fish.

Fire swept into the engine room and crew's quarters.

Two Convicts Recaptured After Half Hour's Freedom

KINGSTON, Ont. (CP)—Two convicts were recaptured half an hour after they had made a break for freedom today while being escorted from the Kingston General Hospital to the penitentiary after X-ray examinations.

Police said the men escaped when a third man, a former prisoner, fired two shots at guards and took an automobile from a woman clerk at gunpoint. The man said to have helped the

Much Of Midwest U.S. Snowed Under

CHICAGO (AP)—Wintry weather spread an icy finger over the central Rocky Mountain states and head into the upper Missouri Valley today.

The eastern and southeastern parts of the United States had comparatively mild temperatures. The mercury dropped to sub-zero levels throughout most of Montana and parts of North Dakota and Wyoming.

Snow fell throughout most of the cold belt and strong winds piled drifts on many roads. Ice-glazed highways and streets in many areas slowed travel.

Fair To All

OSHAWA, Ont. (CP)—This city's council Monday night passed an anti-discrimination by-law, introduced by Ald. Harry Benson, who based the move on a recent anti-negro vote at Dresden, Ont.

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One Woman's Day

By NANCY HODGES

EDINBURGH PARADE

SOMEONE EVIDENTLY led me astray in the column I wrote about "Passport to Pimlico," for several of my readers have written to correct me on one point.

I quoted the New York representative of the film in question on the subject of the author's research into history to show what happens when a bit of one country trespasses, so to speak, on the soil of another.

It was, for instance, the Canadian law decreeing that the maternity room in Ottawa where Princess Juliana gave birth to her youngest daughter would be regarded as Dutch soil that gave the author the inspiration for his screen play.

NOT NEWFOUNDLAND

THE SAME SPOKESMAN also said the author had discovered that "the parade ground at Edinburgh Castle is regarded as Newfoundland soil"—and that was where he was wrong! At least, so my correspondents say. One of them, who was in Edinburgh this summer, writes, in part:

"The parade ground at Edinburgh is a part of the province of Nova Scotia, not Newfoundland. What I have been taught is that when the Barons of Nova Scotia were first created, the difficulty arose in having them take in their hand a bit of the soil of Nova Scotia.

"To overcome this, a part of Edinburgh was set aside as belonging to Nova Scotia, and it was here that the ceremony of proclaiming the Barons (whatever it may be called) took place."

CANADIAN HISTORY

THAT ALLUSION to Nova Scotia soil on Edinburgh parade ground interested me very much, in view of my visit to that province in October. But it was certainly news to me—and no doubt to many other Canadians—to learn of this link between new and old Scotland.

My correspondent points out that Morton makes some reference to it in his "In Search of Scotland." She also alludes to the connection of Charles the First with Nova Scotia, and its historic coat of arms and flag—the only province possessing them, as mentioned in my column on historic Halifax.

And I can well understand the pride with which she writes: "It was a great moment to me to stand on a bit of Nova Scotia soil this summer and hear the pipe band play the Retreat at Edinburgh Castle."

ANOTHER VERSION

ANOTHER of my readers, jealous of my reputation for veracity, writes:

"I thought it would be no harm if I commented on your mention of Edinburgh Parade Ground and put it as I had heard it, a long time ago.

"Barons of Scotland and Nova Scotia were instituted in 1625 by Charles I for the purpose of encouraging the settlement of Nova Scotia. The last created was in 1707, the time of the Union. Sir William Alexander put the request to the King and there were over a hundred created, each with an estate of about 18 square miles."

SURE IT IS RIGHT

HE ADMITS THAT he cannot verify the Edinburgh Castle part of the story, but adds that he heard it years ago and feels sure it is right.

I am perfectly willing to accept this version—especially as it had already been confirmed by the previous correspondent—as it fits in so appropriately with what I had learned while in Nova Scotia about the Scottish connection.

And just in case he hasn't realized the enormity of his mistake in allocating to Newfoundland something which rightly belonged to Nova Scotia, I shall send a copy of this column to the New York gentleman who led me astray in the first place.

Trainloads Of Gifts For Stalin's 70th Birthday

By ALVIN J. STEINKOPF

LONDON (AP)—The greatest giveaway jackpot program in history is on today, with Russia's Joseph Stalin on the receiving end.

Stalin, overlord of world Communism, will hit the jackpot tomorrow when he reaches the age of 70. How much the take in birthday presents is worth is anybody's guess. Tons and tons of gifts—so many that not in centuries could one man use them up—have descended on Moscow from the Communist world.

Reports reaching London through the Soviet Monitor and other channels indicate there will be more than 1,000,000 parcels bearing the tag: "Happy birthday dear Comrade."

Besides, there will be a veritable flood of big crates containing the more unwieldy gifts—all the way from motorcycles to airplanes. Take an average figure of \$5 a gift—that would be cheap for a birthday gift for Stalin—and the jackpot is worth more than \$5,000,000.

Shoes, socks, neckties, choice foods, wines, spirits, toys, dolls, books, automobiles, horses, motorcycles, horses, airplanes, locomotives and even whole factories are among the many carloads of presents converging on the Kremlin from the satellite areas and far territories of the U.S.S.R.

With the gifts come all sorts of honors, pledges of special work, affirmations of loyalty and devotion, endearing greetings in the familiar Communist pattern. Long freight trains hauled gifts into Moscow. There were 70 cars—one for each birthday—from Communist east Germany. A freight train of 11 cars left Warsaw with presents from Poland. The locomotive of the train was almost hidden by the huge portrait of Stalin it bore as it pulled out.

DOLLS, SCOOTER

Stalin probably will have little use for much of what he gets. A man of 70, for instance, would be a bit beyond playing with the 17 dolls he is getting from Italian Communists, or riding a motor scooter from Milan, or an Italian racing bicycle, or a motorcycle and airplane from Prague, or even taking a buggy ride in a carriage from Sofia.

Presumably much of what Stalin is given will be redistributed. Even this will take a long time. It seems unlikely, for in-

stance, the shipment of nylon women's stockings he is getting from some French admirers will be much good for his personal use.

Joliette Crowd Again Threatens 2 Women Jehovah's Witnesses

MONTREAL (CP)—Two women members of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect were in Montreal today after being threatened with bodily harm by an angry mob of 500 persons Monday night in the tiny industrial city of Joliette some 40 miles north of here.

The pair—Winifred Parsons, 26, of Sarnia, Ont., and Olive Lundell, 31, of Maidstone, Sask.—last week told police they were forcibly brought from Joliette to Montreal by a group of men who warned them not to return to the Laurentian town.

The two women were carrying out their "Bible education work" at the time of the alleged seizure. They returned to Joliette last Thursday after telling police here they "were willing to accept the risks" entailed in their work.

The situation remained quiet until Monday night, when a demonstration was held outside the girls' residence following a stormy town council meeting at which it was reported a formal resolution was passed asking that the women be expelled from the town.

Cries of "get out now" were heard frequently and Joliette police were forced to take the pair into protective custody when matters threatened to get out of control.

Three policemen escorted the women to the town limits and they returned to Montreal, accompanied by two newspapermen—a reporter and photographer from the Toronto Daily Star—who also had been told by the crowd "to stay out of Joliette."

Following the demonstration Police Chief Valmore Lanier said "if they return again and we have to come with any more of that kind of trouble we'll have to ask for help from the Provincial Police."

He then repeated his remarks of last week, that "people were getting tired of their door-to-door peddling and we have received too many complaints."

Eskimos Prepare To Spend Christmas With White Men

EDMONTON (CP)—Christmas may be fairly dark in the vast Canadian north-country, but it isn't a gloomy time for the Eskimos. Word reaching here indicates excited Eskimos are busy preparing to spend Christmas with the nearest white men.

Christmas is one of the few customs of the white men that the Eskimo has adopted with all his heart. But because it is a white man's festival, the native insists that he celebrate it at the nearest white settlement.

That's why native villages are emptying and Eskimo families on dog sleds now are converging on the lonely meteorological stations, trading posts and service installations.

The Eskimo preparations include the building of snow igloos around almost every Arctic outpost manned by white men. They'll live in the igloos until the celebrations are over.

WEIRD, COLORFUL

Parts of the celebration are weird, but they're also colorful. Dancing, to the thud of drums, scraping fiddles and the odd guitar, will be an important part of the festivities. Singing of hymns and Christmas carols will be on the ambitious side.

Profit Of \$298,679 For Vancouver Fair

VANCOUVER (CP)—The Pacific National Exhibition showed a profit of \$298,679 this year, Mr. J. King, P.N.E. president, said Monday night.

Total revenue for the fair were \$410,183, Mr. King told the P.N.E. annual meeting.

He stressed the need for the new proposed coliseum and said he hoped that plans would be far enough advanced in the near future to permit approaches to be made to the various governments for financial assistance.

The president expressed regret that shows on the "Gayway" were below the standard directors desired to have. He pointed out that operators of major shows said the long jump from other major shows on the east coast or prairies made acceptance of dates at Vancouver financially impossible.

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At some of the Eskimo encampments, flares will be placed at each corner. The sound of an approaching airplane Christmas Day will be the signal for the flares to be lit and the start of the dancing.

TASK FOR PLANES

The task of providing the north with the trappings for a merry Christmas was virtually completed last week-end as the R.C. A.F. and charter air lines worked overtime to fly in turkeys, plum puddings, cakes and other food.

In all outposts, Christmas dinner will be a main part of the celebration. The airlines and armed services have seen to that. The "Santa Special" plane, piloted by veteran Ernie Boffa, will head out from Yellowknife to many of the Arctic posts, transporting last-minute Christmas cheer.

CHRISTMAS LEGEND

DEWSBURY, Yorkshire, Eng.—A bell, known locally as the "Devil's Knell," has tolled on Christmas Eve for the last 700 years. Local legend says the custom was started by a baron, who gave the bell to the parish church as a penance for killing his servant, and asked that it be rung every Christmas Eve to remind him of his crime.

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Says Australians Feared 'The All-Powerful State'

WASHINGTON (AP)—The unseating of the Labor government in Australia resulted from public fear over "left-wingism" and "the all-powerful state," says one of the men who sparked the Victorian Liberal and Country parties.

The voters wanted a change, contends one of the losers, but some of them "don't know why." Reporting for the winners was Richard G. Casey of the Liberal Party who was sworn in Monday in Canberra as Minister of Supply in the Australian cabinet. Casey said he believes that the defeat of the Australian Labor Party after eight years of power—coming as it did on the heels of a similar political change in New Zealand—"will have at least some influence on the coming elections in Britain."

His views were reported in an overseas telephone interview with the United States News and World Report, weekly news magazine published at Washington. Asked if he thought the voters were "discontented" over any particular issues, Casey answered: "The issues were quite distinct. We were fighting 'left-wingism.' And the vote for us and against the Labor government was very definite and very positive all over Australia."

Death Toll Of Fire At Emmett, Mich., Mounts To Seven

EMMETT, Mich. (AP)—Death today took its sixth and seventh victims of former Clarence Clarence Bethway's family of 14.

As sorrowing townspeople gave aid in the Christmas week calamity, 80-year-old Grandma Louise, a heroine of Monday's fire, died with a granddaughter, Mary Lou, 13.

Both the elderly woman and the child died of burns.

Five other children, ranging in age from 3 to 11, were burned to death when trapped in an upstairs bedroom in a pre-dawn blaze which destroyed the family home.

Grandma Louise Bethway was burned while rescuing one child. There were 11 children in the family.

The tragedy stunned this little village of 229 population.

An overheated stove was the cause of the flash fire, the sheriff's office said.

Drag Fraser River For Hunter's Body

RICHMOND (BUP)—Dragging operations began today in the salt flats off the Fraser River's Lulu Island in B.C.'s Richmond municipality today for the body of 30-year-old Herbert Richards, Vancouver, hunter missing since Saturday. Dragging followed three days of fruitless search, which produced no sign of Richards or the small boat he was last seen in.

Film Board's No. 2 Man Resigns When Immediate Senior Dropped

OTTAWA (CP)—Ralph Foster, No. 2 man of the National Film Board, has submitted his resignation, effective Jan. 1.

Mr. Foster made his resignation public today.

In a letter to Film Commissioner Ross McLean, he said it was "hard to leave the Film Board," but "I could not remain after the statements that have appeared in the newspapers about you and your work."

Mr. McLean has resigned as commissioner of the Film Board. He will be succeeded by W.

Hamilton Family Again Attacked By Vicious Rats

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP)—A horde of rats in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Godin of Hamilton, struck again Monday night, biting two children so severely on the feet that they are under a doctor's care.

With the rats completely out of control, the family is seeking other quarters or municipal assistance in exterminating the horde.

Victim of the rats for the third time, Monday night, was eight-year-old Paulette Godin, who suffered deep cuts on the second toe of her right foot when a rat attacked her as she slept. Also bitten on the foot was her sister, Doreen Godin, 6.

Friday night, Paulette was bitten on the nose, and some days before that on the finger. Another child, Leonard, 3, was bitten 10 days ago on the finger.

"We telephoned the police again," Mrs. Godin said, "but they can't help us. We don't want to lose the house, because houses are so hard to find. But we must have something done before the children become seriously ill from the bites."

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'Death Crash' Almost Reality

A staged "death crash" of two daredevil drivers (above) resulted in near-deadly reality in Pittsburgh before a Christmas shopping crowd of 2,500. The event, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Safety Committee, brought serious injuries to both drivers. One driver, Dwight Harris, 18, is shown as he was hurled from one of the cars.—(NEA Photo)

Continue Struggle To Free Miner In Alberta Cave-in

BLAIRMORE, Alta. (CP)—Old-time miners today still expressed hope that Ben Carter would be found alive as the search for the 66-year-old miner, trapped in a cave-in at the Greenhill colliery here, last Friday, continued.

Back-breaking pace in its fourth day.

Mine officials said they believed the father of five children to be dead.

One other miner, 25-year-old Mike Kwiatkowski, was buried under tons of coal and rock when the "room" in which he and Carter were working was sealed off by a cave-in. His body was recovered Saturday.

All regular work at the mine has ceased as rescue workers toil around the clock in their efforts to find Carter.

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Cost Of Living In Most Countries Rose In 1949

OTTAWA (AP)—Living costs in most countries increased during the first half of 1949, but most of the advances were confined to 5 per cent or less.

From January to June, the cost of living in Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom advanced about 1 per cent. In Australia it rose about 5 per cent in the same period and in South Africa about 3 per cent, a Bureau of Statistics report shows.

Consumer prices in France, the bureau said in its summary, appeared to have passed their peak.

After reaching a high point last January, they dropped more than 10 per cent in the following six months.

Of world prices in general, the report said improved supplies of certain commodities permitted a decrease or elimination of subsidies in some countries, with consequent increase in prices.

"Exchange difficulties still plagued world markets, although further attempts were made to lower barriers and promote a better balance of trade," it added.

Weather Man Questioned

Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office in Vancouver at 9 a.m. Dec. 20:

Synopsis — A storm moving over the B.C. coast from the ocean is bringing milder weather to all sections of the province. Light snow is falling over most of the interior this morning and exposed portions of the coast are reporting rain. A mixture of snow and freezing rain which began before daybreak in the Vancouver and Victoria area will turn to rain this afternoon when temperatures climb above the freezing point. The weather will remain cloudy and milder tomorrow with a few snowflurries in the interior and scattered rain showers along the coast.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Wednesday:

Vancouver City, Lower Fraser Valley—Mixed snow and freezing rain today, turning to occasional light rain this afternoon. Cloudy and milder tonight and Wednesday. Easterly winds 15, decreasing to light this evening. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Vancouver Airport, 32-40. Abbotsford, 30-38.

Georgia Strait—Intermittent snow, turning to intermittent rain this afternoon. Cloudy and milder tonight and Wednesday. Southeast wind 25, shifting to southwest 15 this evening. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Nanaimo, 32-40.

Victoria City—Intermittent snow this morning, turning to occasional light rain this afternoon. Cloudy and milder tonight and Wednesday. Light easterly winds today. Southwest 20 tonight and Wednesday. Low tonight and high tomorrow, 35-45.

West Coast Vancouver Island—Intermittent rain today occasionally mixed with snow this morning. Cloudy and milder, with scattered showers tonight and Wednesday. Southeast winds 25, shifting to westerly 25 this afternoon. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Estevan, 35-45.

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Watering Down Of Nursery Rhymes Given Going Over

TORONTO (CP)—News from England that the venom has been knocked out of nursery rhymes, so that the youngsters won't have nightmares, has been given a going over by Toronto experts.

A Manchester business man, Geoffrey Hall, has rewritten the old nursery rhymes and published them under the title: "Old Rhymes for New." He's given the Three Blind Mice their sight; Old Mother Hubbard's dog isn't hungry any more and Humpty Dumpty's in one piece.

"Churchill had no hand in this, I'll warrant," commented psychology Professor William Line of the University of Toronto. "Perhaps the Labor government has gone too far at last."

When it was pointed out that this was a private enterprise proposition, Prof. Line said that as far as he was concerned, watering down of nursery rhymes, which have always been told in a make-believe atmosphere that children enjoyed, wouldn't pan out.

"No drama," he said. "No excitement."

Mary Grannan, producer of children's programs for the

CBC and author of six present best-sellers for juveniles, doesn't think much of the new idea either.

"Children don't get frightened at the rhymes because they're really more interested in the rhythm than the sense."

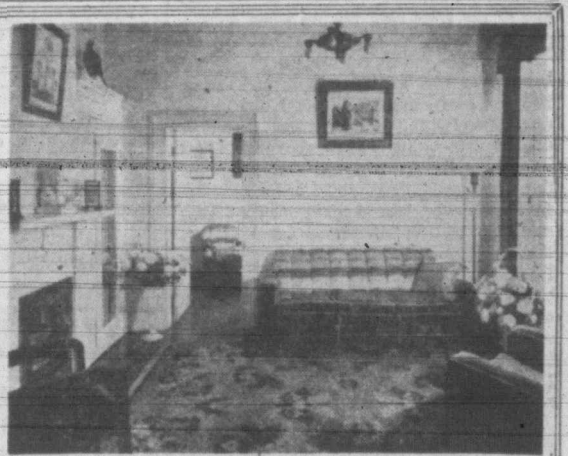
Professor K. S. Bernhardt, assistant director of the Institute of Child Study at the University of Toronto, and Mrs. Bernhardt, who does juvenile book reviews, agree the rhythm counts.

Rainfall in East Pakistan is heavy during the months of June to September, and in some places averages as much as 100 inches.

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FIFTY YEARS YOUNG **LATEST ADVICES FROM LONDON IN-** **dicating the possibility that the date of** **the general election in Great Britain will** **be announced when the Labor Party cele-** **brates its 50th birthday with big doings** **next Feb. 3. If this prediction should turn** **out to be correct, the government will** **probably ask the electors for new instruc-** **tions in the early part of March, or some** **four months before its constitutional life** **comes to an end.**

Apart from the element of guesswork as to the date of the battle of ballots, it is scarcely likely Mr. Attlee would care to run out the full term, especially in view of the large majority which the administration enjoys in the House of Commons, and with an unbroken chain of by-election victories down on the record. It would seem at this distance, moreover, that a few more "wild-cat" strikes, a continuation of the general obsequiousness on the part of a section of organized labor, and the Prime Minister's optimistic forecasts of the verdict at the polls may require some amendment.

The forthcoming celebration to signify Labor's arrival at the half-century mark also will lend emphasis to Mr. Attlee's long association with the party. The leader of the administration recalls that he joined up just after he had left Oxford, when the organization was eight years old—the first university man to take "such a daring step," he told an interviewer recently. But the movement had got a good start in the House of Commons with a contingent of 54 members after the general election of 1906—the contest at which the electorate soundly defeated Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's tariff reform proposals and elected the Liberals under Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman with a record majority.

It was not until 1922, after the famous "Carlton Club" meeting, that a Liberal Prime Minister was succeeded by a Conservative, and Labor's fortunes ebbed and flowed until Mr. Attlee overcame all obstacles in 1945 and won the party's right to form its third administration—but this time with a handsome working margin.

It can be taken for granted that the Prime Minister and his Board of Strategy are under no delusions about the size of the party's present voting strength in the House of Commons. It is, impressive, of course, but it has to be remembered that in many of the by-election contests the majority of the government's standard-bearers has suffered considerable reduction. A relatively few votes at the battle of the ballots in the spring could change the representation of numerous seats in the next Parliament.

Report has it that the Liberal Party intends to run at least 400 candidates—some 240 under the total membership of the House of Commons—which indicates that it refuses to be considered a spent force in Britain's political life. Though there are only eleven Liberals in the chamber, the party in the general election of 1945 collected no fewer than 2,253,197 votes, compared with the Conservatives' 8,693,858 for 191 seats, and Labor's 11,985,733 for 393 seats.

To be sure, it is the division of seats which determines which party shall sit to the right of Mr. Speaker and run the show; but a study of the popular vote is always interesting—and occasionally rings a bell for a change in campaign strategy. Liberal leader Clement Davies will doubtless be watched closely in the next month or so by the other Clement.

UP TO THE PARENTS **MANY ARGUMENTS MAY BE AD-** **vanced against commercial athletic** **activity on Sundays. They are used fre-** **quently by those who wish to reserve the** **day solely for purposes of worship. But** **questions must arise over the attitude** **which has led to suspension of junior** **hockey league fixtures in the Memorial** **Arena on Sunday mornings. No one bene-** **fits financially from the games. Moreover,** **they can be played at that time without** **loss to the citizens of Victoria who have** **paid for the arena and who must look** **to the commission to see that all revenue-** **producing periods on weekdays are uti-** **lized to the full to meet maintenance costs** **and certain capital expenditures.**

Admittedly the time of games may coincide with that of Sunday School classes. If that causes a deterrent to attendance at the latter, surely the issue which is created is one that could and should be settled by parents. Those who wish to send their children to Sunday School are in a position to insist that they go. Other fathers and mothers of different opinion, we submit, should be allowed to permit their children to take advantage of the junior hockey sessions made available by the commission.

The arena was constructed as a memorial to the men and women who offered their lives in the Second World War. It was the belief of those who endorsed that

idea, that the opportunities the building would offer youth for the development of sound minds in healthy bodies constituted a fitting expression of the tribute they wished to pay. We wonder what the young men who went from this city and did not return would say if their views on Sunday morning hockey could be made known.

MILITARY SIMPLIFICATION **ONE OF THE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES** **hampering full co-operation between** **allies in wartime, lies in the differences in** **their technical equipment. Ammunition** **will fit the guns of one country but not** **of its co-fighter; bombs fit the bomb** **racks of the maker's planes but not those** **of its friendly neighbor; truck tires, uni-** **forms, threads on bolts, types of arms,** **small and large, all differ from nation to** **nation. Integration of forces in battle is** **by no means enhanced by such conditions,** **and the increasing use of highly com-** **plexed electronic equipment and the skills** **necessary to operate it have emphasized** **the need to bring armaments and auxil-** **iary services into line.**

An important start was made on this in 1947, when Canadian, American and British experts met to survey the situation. Still later, the creation of the Brussels Treaty group—Britain, France, and the Benelux nations—resulted in considerable standardization of the arms of those countries. The larger problem of trans-Atlantic standardization continued under attack, meanwhile, and yesterday's announcement that a plan has been formulated to achieve this marked a definite step forward.

Under this arrangement, Canada, Britain and the United States will co-ordinate their weapons and military training so that their forces may be readily unified in case of an emergency. For the past few months personnel of the three nations has been interchanged, in order to acquire familiarity with the material and techniques of each other. While full independence will be maintained, the current studies will, in the words of the announcement, effect a "gradual development of common designs and standards in arms, equipment and training methods." It is not a particularly happy thought that our countries should be busied with such work in peacetime, but the state of the world today is such that preparedness is a prime virtue.

LAST CHANCE **NEWS THAT TRADE MINISTER C. D.** **HOWE will go to London to make an** **eleventh-hour attempt to salvage the British** **markets for Canadian agricultural produce** **gives hope that something may yet be re-** **tained of this apparently lost outlet. The** **recent charges by Agriculture Minister** **Gardiner—that British officialdom has** **adopted a discriminatory attitude against** **Canadian goods—have done little to improve** **the expectations of such a visit, and they** **have completely ruled out any possibility of** **Mr. Gardiner's being able to help his country** **by undertaking such a mission. The task** **therefore falls upon a man to whom the** **British will listen without fearing subse-** **quently publicized antipathies.**

The crux of the loss of the United Kingdom markets, of course, lies in the inability of the British to pay for any large-scale imports. If they had the dollars available they would—and they have made this clear on numerous occasions—be only too happy to purchase all the Canadian bacon, cheese, eggs and other products we could ship. But that is apparently not possible. The solution, then, involves not the hurling of charges, that "you're prejudiced against me," but the discovery of some means by which Britain may be aided in paying for the goods we wish to sell. It may be beyond Canada's power to achieve this, but at least we may depend on Mr. Howe for a good effort.

SYMPATHY
THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN
many newspapers feature stories and
pictures of little children who, because of
some serious disease, are not expected to
see more than one more Christmas, if that.
They are heart-rending tales of youngsters
who, ignorant of their fate, get early visits
from Santa Claus and pre-dated Christmas
parties in order that their wishes for gifts
and toys may be realized before it is too
late. The poignancy of such incidents is
enhanced by the general feeling of well-
being usual at this season. The reader
feels it is particularly sad that anyone,
and especially a child, should experience
an untimely death in these closing weeks
of the year.

The sentiment is well-founded, and does its "bitters" credit. Yet there is a certain sense of irony in the situation. For who of us, expressing sympathy for the child who will not see another such celebration, can be sure that we, too, are not about to see our last. The confidence of the living and healthy is supreme. None can imagine the personal advent of death; we can only imagine with others, we ourselves are immune. Yet the Great Unknown may be closer to any one of us than to the tots whose imminent fates we deplore. The realization need not be lugubrious. Rather should it be a spur to us to make the most of our opportunities while we may. Let us leave no good turn undone, no kind word unsaid, no helpful hand restrained. The Golden Rule was not written for tomorrow, for only today is sure.

"Chinese music sounds like a medium-sized railway crash," says a musicologist. Maybe they are trying to imitate the American jive variety.

Show business is in such bad shape today that any actor is lucky to be miscast. George S. Kaufman, playwright.

Matter Of Fact By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP From Washington

LITTLE MAN, WHAT NOW?

IT IS, FORTUNATELY, not possible to peer into men's minds. If it were, it would be an interesting, if perhaps rather harrowing experience, to peer into the mind of Czech Foreign Minister Vlado Klementis, who some days ago took ship from New York, bound for Prague.

Klementis has been attending the United Nations meeting in New York, where he was pictured wreathed in smiles, walking arm in arm with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky. Even when this picture was taken, Klementis had received friendly warnings from Prague. He was warned that his—and Vishinsky's—masters were preparing for him the same fate which has now been meted out to Bulgarian Communist leader Traicho Kostov and a host of others.

AS THIS IS WRITTEN, Klementis has reached Paris, on his way home. It is impossible to imagine what thoughts are going on behind the bland exterior he presents to the world. Yet it seems highly probable that the same thought has occurred to him as occurred some time ago to his former second in command, Arnost Heydrich, secretary general of the Czech Foreign Office.

Not long after the Communists had seized full power in Prague one of these correspondents interviewed Heydrich at the Czech Foreign Office. Heydrich was surprisingly affable and outspoken for a high official in a Communist state. Toward the end of the interview, he suddenly asked his interviewer what the chances were of war in the near future between the Soviet Union and the United States. The reply was that on the whole war seemed unlikely.

"ATLAS," HEYDRICH blurted out, "in that case there is nothing left to do but escape."

This extraordinary remark—it was as though Under-Secretary of State James Webb had told a strange Tass correspondent that war with the Soviet Union was his only hope of liberation—can only now be reported because Heydrich was as good as his word. Some months ago, he slipped across the Czech borders, and he is now in the United States.

The reasons why the thought of escape may logically be supposed to have occurred also to Klementis may be briefly listed. First, there are the secret warnings which have come from Prague. Second, there is the fact that a number of Klementis's closest associates and appointees, like Klinger, chief of the Czech Foreign Office press section, were purged while Klementis was in New York. And third, there is the damaging record of Klementis's past.

FOR ON A NUMBER of occasions in the past Klementis has defied the Kremlin—and this is not something the Kremlin quickly forgets. In 1939, when the Nazis gobbled up Czechoslovakia, Klementis escaped to Paris. Then came the Nazi-Soviet pact, and war. Kremlin ordered Klementis, a lifetime Communist, to Moscow. Instead, Klementis went to London.

In London, he compounded the unfavorable. He broadcast for the Benes Masaryk government in exile, and his broadcasts were openly critical of the Nazi-Soviet pact, and later of the Russian attack on Finland. Moreover, throughout the period of the pact, Klementis proved himself a premature anti-fascist by calling in his broadcasts for maximum resistance to the Nazis, flatly contradicting the Soviet-Communist line.

WHEN THE NAZIS attacked the Soviet Union, Klementis's deviations ended, and he was apparently accepted back into the Kremlin's good graces. Yet another black mark was entered against him in 1947, when the Czech government of which he was a part publicly accepted the offer of Marshall aid, without consulting its masters in the Kremlin. As a result, the Czech leaders were called to Moscow and curtly disciplined.

In view of all this, Klementis must be fully aware that the kind of independence he has frequently displayed has no place in the Kremlin's new order. He must therefore know that there is an excellent chance that the warnings are accurate, and that in Prague the familiar sequence of arrest, delicate persuasion, abject confession, trial and execution awaits him sooner or later.

IT IS JUST possible that Klementis may yet accept Marshal Tito's offer of asylum to Communists in his position, and end up in Belgrade instead of in Prague, particularly as he is accompanied by his wife. Yet his former subordinate, Heydrich, who has known him well, does not believe this likely. In the first place, Klementis is an old friend and associate of Czech President Klement Gottwald, and if he failed to return he would thus almost certainly destroy Gottwald. In the second place, he has a certain courage and independence of spirit, as his past defiance of the Kremlin has shown. But however courageous, it is hardly possible that he is not afraid. And as the long contest between the free and the slave states drags on, it is at least worth remembering that the loud and angry voices from the east are, almost without exception, the voices of men who are afraid.

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'Coming Along, Governor?'



The Czar's Caprice By C. M. WOODHOUSE, Observer Foreign News Service

IN THIS week falls the centenary of what was probably the most heartless practical joke in history. On December 22, 1849, in the depth of a severe winter, 21 men were led out to the Semov Square in Petersburg, to be lined up three at a time in front of a firing squad of 16 soldiers. The interest of the occasion a century later lies in the fact that one of the 21 was called Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky.

A military court had found them guilty of political conspiracy, with a cruel ineptitude of which only a military court trying a political offence could be capable. As Dostoevsky wrote 20 years later, "There was discovered in Petersburg a vast, unnatural and illegal conspiracy of 30 people which almost shook society to its foundations: it was said that they were positively on the point of translating Fourier—that mad French Socialist with the far-fetched schemes."

But the Tsar's police were taking no chances: 1848 had been the year of Europe's revolutions; in 1849 law and order struck back. On the night of April 22-23, 34 supposed conspirators were arrested; but Dostoevsky's own figure of 30 is nearer the mark, for several of the wrong people were arrested by mistake. It took seven months to sort out the right ones for condemnation, and an eighth to bring them to the Semov Square for execution. None of them yet knew that their sentences had all been commuted already several days before.

The condemned men were dressed for the occasion in hooded white cloaks. The first three were tied to the stakes that had been prepared. A priest went among them, holding up an ice-cold cross of silver to be kissed, and promising them forgiveness in the next world.

Then the Tsar's proclamation of the sentence was read out, beginning with his titles in full and ending several minutes later with the commutation of the sentences of death. By that time one of the victims was already incurably insane.

It is not unjust to the Tsar Nicholas I to blame him personally for this hideous performance. He knew of the sentences; he had altered them in his own handwriting; the sequel could not have escaped him.

The joke over, Dostoevsky was packed off to Siberia for nine years, four as a convict and five as a conscript soldier. His description of life in penal servitude, written without a spark of moral or emotional criticism, was so moving that parts of it reminded Maurice Baring of Elton. In his later life Dostoevsky looked back on it with complete detachment, being stirred to strong expression only by his petulant insistence that at any rate it was preferable to life at a German watering-place.

Anyway, he had the last laugh on Tsar Nicholas I whom he outlived by a quarter of a century; and in his last twelve years he produced at least three of the greatest novels in European literature. Whatever else may be said of the Tsar's joke, it was certainly a practical one; for it helped to turn a minor peddler of derivative drive into a genius of the first order.

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large at the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' Conference is plain from the composition of the Indian delegation to Colombo.

BIG GUNS
Pandit Nehru will be accompanied by Mr. Ambegakar, secretary in charge of economic affairs in the Finance Ministry, and Mr. Keith Roy, also of the Finance Ministry, who was a member of the sterling balances delegation to London last July and who lately returned from Washington where he took part in the negotiations with the World Bank for loans to India.

There has been signs lately of exasperation at repeated references in the British Parliament, whenever the subject of sterling balances has cropped up, to "counter claims" against India in respect of services rendered by the British during the war. The most recent utterances of both Mr. Attlee and Sir Stafford Cripps on the subject have, in the Indian view, been unnecessarily ambiguous.

It is recognized that the Commonwealth Conference is not the place to re-open this vexatious subject, but there is no doubt that, taken in conjunction with the sense of grievance felt by India regarding the British government's omission to consult her before springing the devaluation bombshell, ground has been prepared for suspicion and perhaps rancour.

Perhaps more than Britain, India has reason to question the "benefits" that have accrued to her from that drastic step, although to be fair, India's present economic troubles derive largely from Pakistan's wholly unexpected decision not to fall into line with the Commonwealth on this issue. The resultant cessation of trade between India and Pakistan has created a grave situation which, if prolonged, threatens with ruin many Indian concerns whose prosperity derives from a flourishing inter-Dominion trade.

COMPROMISE
It is probable that during economic talks which will accompany the Foreign Ministers' deliberations an attempt will be made to arrange a compromise between the two Dominions in this vital sphere.

India also feels aggrieved against Australia, whose insistence on payment of India's wheat needs in terms of Canadian dollars has upset not only the Indian Government's expectations but threatens to impair some of the good will towards Australia which has developed in this country in recent years. That these and other economic questions are expected to loom



By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press News Analyst

THE over-credulous who have allowed themselves to be persuaded that Chinese communism has no relation to the Moscow brand, now can disabuse their minds of this much advertised piece of propaganda.

The presence in Moscow of the Chinese Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, is in itself proof enough of the China-Russian relationship. Mao, who frequently has said that he adores Prime Minister Stalin, has not footed it for the Red capital as soon as possible after clinching his continental victory over Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist forces. There he is being received with all the honors due one of the world's powerful leaders.

Indications are that a big deal is cooking. An AP dispatch from Moscow says that a China-Soviet friendship pact appears almost a certainty. The two countries also are expected to work out trade and mutual assistance agreements. It is a moment of extreme satisfaction for Russia.

But China represents only one phase of this armageddon which is in full swing in the Orient between communism and democracy. However, it's a vital phase, and Mao's triumph visit to the powers that be in Moscow is an important moment.

However, while we shouldn't underestimate the importance of the development, neither should we overestimate it. Mao is delivering a sound military success to Moscow, but he isn't delivering political domination of China's 500,000,000 people.

China is far from communized ideologically; just as it was far from being completely within Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist fold. Untold millions of Chinese are loyal folk who aren't politically conscious. They are interested in an ideology which fills the stomach. Nobody yet has given them what they want.



WHAT PRICE LUXURY
Montreal Gazette

Once in a while a citizen is heard to complain at having to pay a luxury tax upon an article which long since ceased to be other than a necessity. On the whole, however, most people accept such anomalies without too much protest. Picture, however, the feelings of a war veteran on finding that he must pay a luxury tax upon the miniature of the medals bestowed upon him as symbols of his service, his self-sacrifice and his valor. It is a pity that when decision was made as to items to be excluded from the luxury tax someone did not think of this.

SHORTER PUNISHMENT Christian Science Monitor

Having reached the limit of endurance, a San Francisco radio-caster recently played every recording of "Mule Train" he had or could borrow. The presentation lasted half an hour, with a repetition or two from the versions made by Bing Crosby, Frankie Lane, Tennessee Ernie, and others. Result—listeners who had not heard it often enough were delighted.

Not till the public becomes sated will "Mule Train" go off the air.

Remember "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" and "Yes, We Have No Bananas"? They seemed indestructible. Perhaps there is some compensation for today's more intense bombardment. The punishment is shorter, for the point where a majority are fed up comes quicker.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED Financial Post

In traditionally loyalist Toronto the other day, the lieutenant-governor of one of the maritime provinces made a speech suggesting union of British Commonwealth countries and the United States. Instead of the heavens falling as a result of his suggestion there was hardly a ripple and virtually no mention in the three local dailies.

Today one can hardly imagine the furore that would have followed such a speech and by a personal representative of the King, say a 100 years ago. The rash orator might have lost both his job and his head. Even up to 10 years ago a speech advocating that sort of thing could not have been made without creating an uproar from coast to coast. And now it goes almost unnoticed in a city where Americans and British once fought a bloody skirmish over a few hundred log houses.

To the man on the street the eventual coming together of the English-speaking nations is something that he now takes for granted.

Season For Inventory New York Times

This is a season for inventory of relations with our neighbors. The neediest cases records tell us that, in spite of the resources of government welfare services and of the private agencies, some of our neighbors stand sorely in need. The plight of these neighbors is so grave that it would be unrealistic to assume that financial support will restore happiness. It is enough to hope that a helping hand may revive courage.

What a bleak world it would be if we helped only those who were thoroughly blameless! A good many of us "make" our own bad luck, and we suppose that some of the people represented in the neediest cases would not be in trouble now if they had managed their lives differently. It may even be appropriate once in a while, when help is asked, to recall Lord Chesterfield's words: "Do not refuse your charity even to those who have no merit but their misery."



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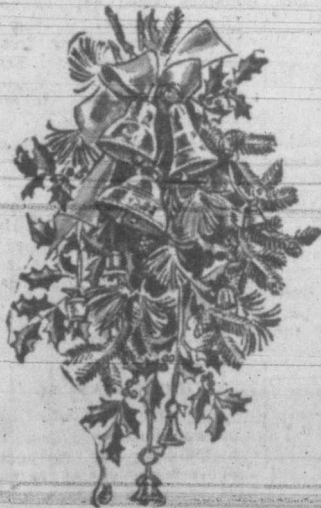
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Jingling Bells For 70 Years

By DAVE STOCK

It's been cold in Victoria this past week and citizens who have come to town to do their Yuletide shopping have found it best to keep on the move in order to keep warm. It's been cold enough that heavily-overcoated police officers have been stomping their feet and banging their gloved hands to increase circulation.

Yes, it's been cold. And that is part of the reason why the Salvation Army people who brave the elements day after day to stand hours at a time by their bright red kettles deserve a lot of credit.

People like Mrs. Emily Pearson and Mr. Harry Horn, that is.

These two stalwart souls man the kettle and tripod at the Hudson's Bay corner at Fisgard and Douglas. One or the other will be found on the job every day between 10 and 5 come wind, rain or even snow.

They're used to it though, these two. In fact, together they can count 70 Christmases during which they have stood beside kettles and tripods, jingling merry sleighbells. Of this total, Mrs. Pearson accounts for 50, and Mr. Horn, 20.

Seventy years, most readers will agree, is long time. But Mrs. Pearson, who is 75, and Mr. Horn, who is approaching 83, say they enjoy their "work" as much now as they did when they first started.

They say also that they don't really mind the cold.

Mrs. Pearson recalls it was a lot colder when she stood by a kettle in Winnipeg, when the temperature dropped to 45 below and in La Pas, Manitoba, when the thermometers read 50 below.

Of course, she admits it is not as warm here as it was when she went about with her tambourine one Christmas in Johannesburg, South Africa, when the



Mrs. Emily Pearson, 75, and Harry Horn, 82, at their regular stand, Fisgard and Douglas Streets.

temperature was 110 in the shade.

Mr. Horn, too, has been stationed in colder places than Victoria. He first collected for the Army's Christmas Cheer Fund in Saskatchewan, where he worked as a signaller for the Canadian Pacific Railway.

In four more days, of course, the job of Mrs. Pearson and Mr. Horn and all those like them will

be over for another year. The money they have collected will by that time be converted into hampers of food for families in great need within this community.

But next year they will be back at the same old stand beside the same old kettle, jingling the same old bells. And, you know, it wouldn't seem like Christmas without them.

Duncan Farmers Say Grocers Refuse Local Potatoes

DUNCAN—A charge that Duncan stores are pressing the sale of potatoes from the mainland to the detriment of local producers was made by farmers of Cowichan district.

The farmers state that local stores decline to handle locally grown potatoes. Storekeepers contend the local product is of inferior quality this year, with poor grading and sizes.

With a large crop on the farms waiting to be sold, Cowichan Agricultural Society has taken the matter up with the B.C. Marketing Board.

The first game of basketball was played in Springfield, at the Y.M.C.A. on Jan. 20, 1892.

Confidence Vote On Fraserview Project

VANCOUVER (CP)—Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation Monday received from the Vancouver city council a vote of confidence in its Fraserview housing project.

Passage of the vote of confidence came after an hour of heated debate over what had been described as a "chicken coop" development.

Mayor Charles Thompson criticized Ald. Archie Proctor, housing committee chairman, and J. S. Woods, president of the Vancouver Builders' and Contractors' Association, for methods they employed in shirking the housing dispute.

"I am deeply concerned over recent public statements regarding this project. I fail to see why the Fraserview development is not an adequate scheme with which to proceed," the mayor said.

Mr. Woods said "I can't believe these are the type of houses this council anticipated when it entered into this housing agreement."

The project, in South Vancouver, comprises 1,106 houses, to be built under the federal government's low-cost housing scheme. Three hundred will be ready for occupancy in January next year.

Andrew Haggart, city building inspector, told committee members the homes are being built to conform with city building by-laws.

Overdue Fliers Reach Flin Flon

FLIN FLON, Man. (CP)—Two flying mining promoters, overdue in their light aircraft since Friday, landed Monday none the worse for a trip during which they were forced down three times.

Holly and George Thompson said their inspection trip to mining claims 165 miles northwest of here was hampered by poor visibility and bad icing conditions. The brothers own a mining development and drilling company.

Commercial airlines and private planes started a search Saturday. The men's plane was sighted late Sunday on the ice near a Hudson's Bay Company post at Pelican Narrows, 55 miles west of here.

The brothers said that was their third stop on the short jaunt back from the Lac La Ronge district. They used a camp stove to heat up their engine for the take-off on the final hop home.

Former Slave, 105,
Dies In California
LOS ANGELES (AP)—Wade Evans, former Louisiana slave, died Sunday night at the age of 105.

Evans, who came here in 1929, was born on a Louisiana plantation. He was 21 years of age when freed from slavery. He died at the home of his only surviving child, Wesley Evans.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

LANGFORD — St. Matthew's Church Sunday School party will be held Thursday in the Church Hall with junior pupils meeting at 3 in the afternoon and seniors at 7 in the evening.



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College Faculty Seeks Parity With High Schools In Salaries

Increases next year to bring their salaries in line with higher pay granted elementary and high school teachers at the beginning of this year were asked of the Greater Victoria School Board on Monday night by the faculty of Victoria College.

Prof. Lewis J. Clark headed a committee of the Victoria College Faculty and Staff Association which presented a brief to the trustees in support of the request. Others on the delegation were Dr. W. Harry Hickman, Prof.

Roger J. Bishop and Mrs. O. Phoebe Noble.

All teachers in the Greater Victoria school system, with the exception of professors and instructors at the college, received 20 per cent increases in salaries as a result of arbitration proceedings at the beginning of this year, it was pointed out.

Members of the college faculty each received a \$400 increase, but this amounted only to an average increase of 11.3 per cent. "The primary purpose of our representations is to bring the

salary scale of Victoria College into line with the schedules of other teachers in this area," said Prof. Clark.

DISCRIMINATION

He described as "sharp discrimination" the fact that the salary scale for assistant professors at the college was \$300 less than the top assistant scale in the high schools.

Commenting on comparisons between salaries paid college professors and provincial Normal School teachers, Trustee Austin Curtis said the school board could not compete with the provincial government in the matter of salaries.

The government paid all of the Normal School salaries while it only contributed toward the salaries of the college faculty.

He said business men in many instances had found it difficult to retain stenographers because government salaries were much more attractive than they could afford to pay.

"All the more reason then for increased efforts to obtain bigger grants from the government for education," commented Prof. Bishop.

"There's ammunition if you haven't already used it," he added.

New Trustees Attend First Board Meeting

The 1949 Greater Victoria School Board held its final meeting of the year Monday night but the same faces will be seen around the table at Craigdarroch next year when the 1950 board assembles.

Two new trustees recently elected at by-elections attended the last meeting of the 1949 board. They were able to do so because they were named to complete the unexpired terms of the late Miss Isla Tuck and former trustee M. P. Paine who resigned from office.

The new trustees are Mrs. Gertrude E. McGill and E. H. (Ted) Carey. They will serve until the end of December next year.

Four others members of the board were re-elected by acclamation at the recent elections. They include the chairman, R. H. Green, and trustees Arnold Trevett, J. A. de Bourcier and Walter Jeune.

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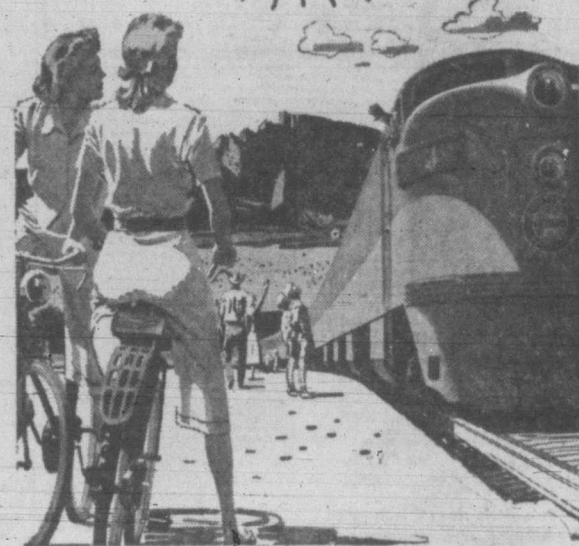
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Says Chemistry Experiments In Home Not Schools' Responsibility

Better parental control over school children in the home was advocated Monday night by Trustee Austin Curtis in discussion of the recent death of a teen-age boy through premature explosion of a home-made bomb.

The subject arose at a meeting of the Greater Victoria School Board in a report of the board's education committee submitted by Trustee Walter Jeune.

Trustee Jeune asked that the board instruct all science teachers in the area to warn students of dangers involved in handling chemicals not only in the school laboratory but in experiments at home.

WARNED ALREADY

Trustee Curtis objected to the request.

"These warnings already are given by the teachers. They have been doing it for years—yes, even when I went to school," he said.

He reminded that a coroner's jury which investigated the death of the boy had recommended similar action.

This was unnecessary, he thought. So did J. F. K. English, municipal inspector of schools, who commented: "No further warnings are needed."

ASKED TOO MUCH

Trustee Curtis thought the schools were being asked "to do everything." Parents should control the actions of their children at home, he said.

Another fatal accident could occur tomorrow, the trustee continued, if parents allowed their children to buy chemistry sets and try experiments without proper supervision and control.

The trustee lost his case. He was out-voted when Trustee Jeune insisted that school principals be sent a memorandum asking that extra emphasis be made in chemistry class warnings on the use of chemicals.

Expect 140 Pupils For Feb. 1 Opening Of View Royal School

The new five-room View Royal elementary school off Helmcken Road will be opened Feb. 1, it was learned Monday night.

Greater Victoria school trustees announced finishing work on the new building was being speeded.

It is expected 140 pupils will be enrolled by the opening day. There will be registrations for each of the eight elementary grades to be taught at the school.

Four classrooms will be used at first with the fifth being held for future expansion.

CONSIDER NAME
A Parent-Teacher Association recommendation that the school be named after one of the founders of the P.T.A. movement, Elsie B. Lorimer, is being considered by the school board's school naming committee.

The 16-room Topaz junior high school, to be known as the S. J. Willis Junior High School in honor of a former provincial superintendent of education, is expected to be ready for occupancy by the opening of the 1950-51 school term in September next year.

Opening of the View Royal school will be at the half-way mark of the 1949-50 term.

Complete New Bridge At Lake Cowichan

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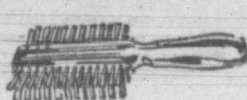
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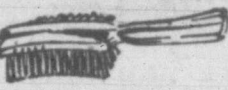
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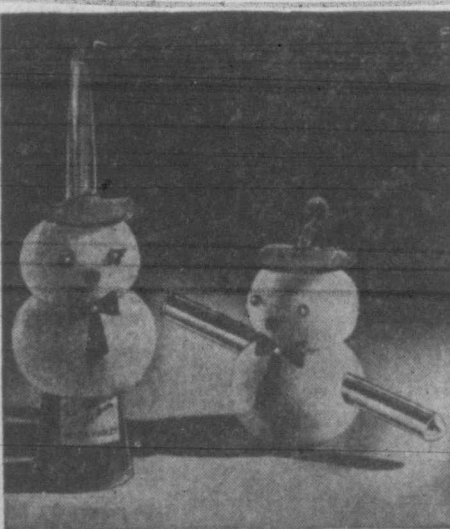
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Blockade Of Communists' Ports In China Effective

Fred Hampson, chief of the A.P.'s China staff, here discusses the Nationalist blockade of Red China. After more than four years in China, he is en route to Hongkong, since the Communists have forbidden further correspondence from their territory.

By FRED HAMPSON
PUSAN, Korea (AP)—There are a few leaks, but the Nationalist blockade of Communist south China ports is keeping tonnage down to a trifling minimum.

Shanghai's waterfront, once among the three or four busiest in the world, is so dead that when an occasional big ship sneaks in, it is top news, celebrated throughout the city.

I left Shanghai aboard the American ship Sir John Franklin of the Isbrandtsen Line.

Running in, the ship was shelled by two Nationalist destroyer escorts which hover constantly at the Yangtze River mouth. Damage was not extensive, but the vessel was well peppered with three-inch and smaller-calibre missiles. That was Nov. 29.

The U.S. State Department protested to the Nationalists.

WAVED ON

When the Franklin went out Dec. 9, there was no trouble, although we were stopped by a destroyer escort. A boarding party inspected the cargo manifest and passenger list, and waved us on.

The Reds seem unable to do anything about the blockade except blame it on "Nationalist bandits" and "foreign imperialists." They have tried three times to take the Nationalist blockade base, the Chusan Islands, 100 miles south of Shanghai. All three times they were repulsed with considerable losses.

The Communists are mum about their military failures, but rumors put their losses as high as 70,000 men and thousands of junks and sampans.

When I left Shanghai there was a rumor they were preparing a fourth expedition with 20,000 small craft. Owners of such vessels were busy dismantling or hiding them to avoid requisition.

The Red charges that the United States and Britain instigated the blockade do not make sense. Ships of both countries have run the blockade at great danger and expense with no help whatever from the Communists.

QUESTIONED 2 HOURS
Before being permitted to leave Shanghai, I was called to the central police station and questioned two hours. The questions ranged from, "How did you cover the civil war?" to "What is your opinion of the Communist management of Shanghai?"

To the latter I replied that I thought Communist officials were unwise in refusing to see foreign correspondents because there were many important questions that should be answered in the interests of all parties.

"What questions?" the Communist officer snapped.

"The blockade for instance," I responded. "The Communists say they think the western powers should break the blockade since they do not recognize the legality of it. Yet you yourself forbid foreign warships

from escorting and protecting foreign merchant ships through Chinese territorial waters, and that's where the blockade is. You are not able to protect these ships yourselves, yet you won't waive your order so that others can protect them. Why is that?"

He looked at me for several seconds and then replied: "I think that is a very good question."

"Will you arrange for me to see Chen Yi (military mayor of Shanghai) so that I may ask it of him?" I asked.

"I am sorry," he replied, "but I am a very small official. I cannot do it. But it is a good question."

There is much controversy over the blockade of Shanghai. Some blame it for stagnation of the city, tremendous unemployment, general distress and high prices.

Others say the blockade is the best propaganda weapon the Communists have because they

blame all their troubles on the blockade. They say that if the blockade was lifted the harbor would be cleaned out of exports in two weeks and imports would stop because the Reds lack foreign exchange to pay for them.

The truth is probably somewhere in the middle.

Residents Cause Own Flood Problem

In certain districts of Esquimalt where flooding recently has occurred, residents have only themselves to blame, E. Fulcher, municipal superintendent of works, reported to Esquimalt Council Monday night.

The works superintendent pointed out that it was a common practice in the municipality for householders to stack their firewood in front of their property. In some instances, he observed, the wood had been stacked in drainage ditches, blocking the flow of water.

Mr. Fulcher also complained

that other ditches in Esquimalt were being filled in by persons wanting to drive their cars over them and into their yards.

He explained bridges or culverts were the proper solution to this.

Reeve A. I. Thomas noted it was easier and cheaper for persons to fill in a ditch than bridge it with proper planking.

Council agreed that some action should be taken to stop these practices and asked Mr. Fulcher to prepare a list of all offenders. Offenders will be reprimanded by council.

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Cantata 'Artaban' Given At Sidney

SIDNEY—North Saanich Musical Society gave the Christmas cantata "Artaban" before a large and appreciative audience in the high school auditorium at Sidney Monday night, despite adverse weather conditions.

Enthusiastic applause met the excellent production of the original composition by E. V. Edwards, conductor.

Narrator was Miss Amy Walton, supported by soloists who included Faye Robinson, Betty Townsend, Daphne Blake, Audrey Smith, Vera Charlesworth, Robert Readings and Elizabeth Boshier.

Accompanists were Miss Olive Lynn and Mrs. Muriel Silby. Senior and junior choirs sang with expression.

Nanaimo Symphony At Lake Cowichan

LAKE COWICHAN—A concert by the Nanaimo Symphony Orchestra, sponsored by the Lake Cowichan Klansmen Club, was enjoyed by a large gathering here Sunday evening.

Henry Nash, president of the local Klansmen Club, stated that the club was very proud to present the symphony orchestra under the direction of Maurice L. Kushner. Soloists were Douglas Kirkbride, Nanaimo, baritone; Lila Wong, Nanaimo and Lorraine Eklund, Lake Cowichan, violinists.

Esquimalt Getting New Street Lights

Work of installing a new street lighting system in the Municipality of Esquimalt currently is being undertaken.

Municipal superintendent of works Ed Fulcher reported Monday night at a meeting of the council that installation crews would be pushed to complete the job as early as possible.

First phase of the new system will be the installation of 170 new lights on north side of the municipality. When this work is completed, the present lighting circuit on the south side will be renovated.

Total cost of the lighting project is \$10,068.

Mink Coats May Cost More In 1950

VANCOUVER (CP)—Milady's mink coat may cost more next year.

Prices for raw mink skins at the special mink auction sale at the western Canadian raw fur auction sales Monday night were 35 per cent higher than they were last year.

Chief reason for the increase, fur men said, is that roughly 25 per cent of the mink fur breeders went out of business because of an excess of valuable furs last year.

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The antique warming pan held here by Mr. R. H. Whitley is more than 100 years old, but it might come in useful at the present time. Mrs. Whitley, shown here placing a 100-year-old fireside chair in her Rockland Avenue home, had never seen snow falling till Sunday, having been born in California and lived in India and New Zealand for many years.

It took just five days in Victoria for Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Whitley to be captured by its lure as a residential city.

Last year, they called here on the Mv. Aorangi, saw the town, rushed to the ship and removed their belongings during a few hours it was docked here, then spent five days assessing the place.

On the fifth day, their minds were made up—they would come here to live. They immediately bought a house—and have just moved in.

Today, they are unpacking their furniture—much of it valuable craftwork and antique material—and plan to stay.

For the past 19 years, Mr. Whitley has been managing director of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in New Zealand, with headquarters at Wellington.

Now retired, he and his wife, lost no time in heading for Victoria and arrived aboard the Aorangi Friday.

Mrs. Whitley is enthusiastic about their new home at 1222 Rockland Avenue: "It's like a second honeymoon for us—the boat trip, now this lovely home—and to top it all off—I think I'm going to see my first white Christmas!" she exclaimed. She said she had never before seen snow falling at close range. Her husband shares her enthusiasm, and is looking forward to getting in many hours of golf. He says he will be busy with other things, though, for he believes a person must keep active, even in retirement.

Mr. Whitley came to Canada from England in 1908, and has lived in India, the United States, England again, and New Zealand since that time. He was with the rubber company for 23 years altogether.

The couple have a son who is a lieutenant-commander in the Royal Navy, and a married daughter in England. The latter is the mother of a little girl. "Positively the best and most beautiful grandchild in the world," says Mrs. Whitley.

Of Personal Interest

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. J. Craddock, Fifth Street, who are en route to Hamilton, Ont., visited Chicago where they were guests on the "Welcome Travelers" program.

Mrs. W. Tripp, Dufferin Street, has left for eastern Canada to spend the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walton of Toronto.

Out-of-town guests at the Prince-Van-Dyke wedding were Mr. and Mrs. D. Soutar, Mr. M. Brock of Vancouver; Mrs. Winnifred Jansen and Dawn of Mission; Mr. and Mrs. H. Hanham, Misses Jane and Jean Hanham, Duncan; Mr. and Mrs. A. Morran, Mr. and Mrs. W. Russell of Sidney, V.I.

Mrs. Helen Rae, 1415 Oliver Street, will have her daughter, Miss Jean Rae, with her for the holiday season, Miss Rae, a graduate physio-therapist, will arrive Friday evening by plane from Boise, Idaho, where she is a member of the staff of the Elks' Clinic. She will return to the States on Jan. 2.

Annual Christmas party for members of the Comitas Club and their husbands and friends, was held Saturday evening at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel. Mrs. Harold Johns was in charge of arrangements. Specially invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. Hughes, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Tysoe and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Molyneux of Duncan.

Miss Betty-Lou Horton is expected in Victoria Wednesday by plane from Wilmington, Delaware, to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Horton, Beach Drive. Also arriving tomorrow from Edmonton are Mr. and Mrs. J. Hoadley Mitchell and their two children, David and Bruce, who will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horton and of Mrs. H. Weldon, Pemberton Road, during the holiday season.

The attractive home of Mrs. L. Batchelor, "Highview," Fairfield Road, was the setting for the tea and musical afternoon held by the Order of the Eastern Star. Each member was accompanied by a guest. Mrs. Ida McMorran, leader, and Mrs. M. Grodte entertained with solos and later two musical contests were played, the winners being Mrs. Doris Hopkins, Mrs. Marjorie Holman and Mrs. Grodte. The tea table was beautifully appointed with Italian cutwork cloth and centre-piece of a miniature church from which Christmas carols played during the tea hour. Mrs. Jessie Michens-Smith presided at the urns.

In honor of Miss Gay McDonald, whose marriage to Ensign Orville Baird takes place Thursday, Mrs. R. Vose and Miss Yvonne Pready held a surprise miscellaneous shower at the home of the latter, 528 Lamson Street. The bride-elect and her mother, Mrs. M. McDonald, received corsage bouquets of white chrysanthemums and carnations, respectively. Gifts were contained in wishing wells. Miss Margaret Speirs won the first prize for the bride's contest and Mrs. McDonald the consolation prize. Other guests were Mesdames Westwood, M. Edmonds, A. Vose, W. Hilling and Misses M. Bridgen, J. Chestney, C. Leakey and Joyce Killoff.

Have you ever tried hot cereal in apricot whole fruit nectar? It makes a delicious breakfast treat, that the youngsters will love. Sprinkled with a little brown sugar and served with milk or cream, it's an easy, quick dessert for the youngsters, too.

Ushering were Roland Prince and Herman Van-Dyke, brothers of the bride and groom, and Donald Giles.

At a reception for 200 guests in Seamen's Institute Hall, congratulatory telegrams were read from relatives in Sault Ste. Marie and in Newfoundland.

Silver vases of red roses, and lighted white candles decorated the table where a heart-shaped cake was cut by the newlyweds.

Clarence Brynolfson proposed the toast and during the reception, J. Ross sang "Machusa". For the honeymoon in United States, the bride changed to a three-piece suit of brown and yellow Glencheck plaid, brown feather hat, matching suede accessories and yellow chrysanthemums in corsage.

Allotments Made—Central Executive of Women's Groups of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church held their annual meeting in the church parlor. Reports were read from each group. The following allotments were made: \$350 for plumbing and decorating in the Sunday School room; \$100, Jesse Longfield Memorial Fund; \$100, Women's Missionary Society; \$50, Welfare Association.

Mrs. F. W. Briers was elected president; Mrs. L. Smith, secretary; treasurer; Mrs. A. Croft, refreshment convener.

Dennis Prince, two-year-old nephew of the groom, was ring bearer. He wore a trim sailor suit. Fred Varney was best man.

Loyal Group Elects Officers

Mrs. E. B. Humphries was elected president of Loyal Group, Metropolitan United Church at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. E. F. Jones recently. Other officers are Mrs. R. M. Lindsay, first vice-president and secretary; Mrs. E. F. Wheatley, treasurer; Mrs. J. T. Clarke, social; Mrs. S. G. Cole, visiting; Mrs. E. W. Berry, press and Mrs. M. McLeod, pianist.

Mrs. H. Taylor presided and Mrs. J. Odling led devotionals. Christmas carols were enjoyed with Mrs. J. H. Carefoot giving the history of the songs. Mrs. R. Jones gave a talk on Christmas Day with the Indian children with whom she has worked for many years.

January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Berry, 3170 Beach Drive.

Victorian Wed In Japan



CAPT. AND MRS. W. TIMSON

Of interest in this province and in the east is the marriage which took place in Kyoto, Japan, recently in the post chapel between Helen Whiteley French and Capt. Horace W. Timson, U.S.A.

The bride is the daughter of the late Capt. and Mrs. W. H. Whiteley of Victoria, and a sister of Mr. W. H. Whiteley of Vancouver. She graduated from Victoria High School and received her nurses' training and X-ray technician training at Royal Jubilee Hospital. She served with the U.S. Army Nurse Corps during the war and upon discharge went to Hawaii, then to Japan.

She was employed as public health nurse with Civil Affairs. Capt. Timson is the son of Mrs. Margaret Timson of Toronto.

The bride was given in marriage by Lt.-Col. J. M. Hawkins. She wore a grey tailored suit with black accessories, and carried an orchid muff.

A wedding reception was held at the Miyako Hotel, Kyoto, and the couple are spending their honeymoon at Kanazawa and Toba.

Capt. and Mrs. Timson will be stationed at Nara, Japan, and expect to return to the United States in 1951.

New Brunswick Women Form Branch Of Consumers Group

FREDERICTON (CP)—New Brunswick women have strengthened their role in the Canadian Association of Consumers.

Formation of a provincial branch of the association leaves only Newfoundland without a province-wide group of women organized to keep living standards as high as possible.

The New Brunswick branch, headed by Dr. Esther Clark Wright of Fredericton, as its first president, provides a medium through which recommendations from local consumer groups may be passed. It was also set up to unify action and enable more effective presentation of problems.

Dr. Wright, a busy woman of medium stature, was a logical choice as president when members of local branches met here to organize themselves on a provincial basis. She graduated from Acadia University with honors in economics and in 1931 earned her

Ph.D. degree at Radcliffe-Harvard after specializing in economic history. From 1943 to 1947 she lectured in sociology at Acadia. Her husband, Dr. Conrad Payling Wright, is professor of economics at University of New Brunswick.

Experience valuable in her new position included a term as assistant at the food research institute of Stanford University.

The New Brunswick branch, like its parent association, she says, is "especially concerned with the quality of goods and having them standardized and labeled so people will know what they are getting."

The new organization has about 700 members. Dr. Wright is a daughter of the late Hon. W. G. Clark, Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick from 1940 to 1945. Mrs. D. L. MacLaren, wife of the present Lieutenant-Governor, is honorary president of the branch.

P.T.A. News

Langford—Members of Langford P.T.A. decided at their meeting to purchase a projector for use in the school and also to have the moving projector machine cleaned. A social evening was held when prizes including turkeys, Christmas cakes, chicken dinner, puddings, crackers, chocolates and mince meat, all donated by members, were won. R. Bayles, program convener, Miss R. King, principal, and L. Clark were in charge. Refreshments were served by the social committee.

Prospect Lake—At the December meeting of Prospect Lake P.T.A. it was noted that \$235 was realized at the fall bazaar. Members decided that the objective for the new year would be the replacing of the present silent projector with a new sound machine. A social evening was planned for February to coincide with Founder's Day observance. Candy and oranges were purchased for the school Christmas entertainment. Next meeting will be Jan. 11.

Exciting new HOLIDAY GOWNS WITH IMPORTANT FASHION INTERESTS. Mary Constance 784 FORT

Honored On Golden Wedding Day

Mr. and Mrs. George West of Milner, B.C., celebrated their golden wedding in Sidney on Dec. 13 at a banquet held in Shoreacres Hotel. Their four sons, Carl of West Vancouver, Cecil and Melvin of Victoria, and Norman of Sidney, their wives and families, 18 in all, enjoyed a turkey dinner. Toasts to their parents were proposed by each of the sons, and they also presented the golden wedding couple with a radio. Mr. and Mrs. West were married at Gladstone, Man., by Rev. W. G. Wilson. They have seven grandchildren.

James Bay Play Group Holds Party

James Bay Cathedral Co-Operative Play Group held their Christmas party recently in Cathedral School, Niagara Street.

Under the leadership of supervisor, Mrs. Enid M. Webster, the children sang a group of action Christmas songs, and played several selections with their rhythm band.

Highlight of the afternoon was the arrival of Santa Claus with his bag of presents.

Tea was served to the parents and invited friends.

Mrs. C. Tobin, Mrs. Larsen and Mrs. R. W. Edwards were in charge of refreshments and assisting as servers were Mesdames B. Wheatcroft, S. O'Connell, D. A. Fraser, J. Hutchinson and Mrs. R. Tuthill. Mrs. J. H. Giebelhaus and Mrs. W. Clafe were in charge of children's refreshments.

Tag Day Nets \$91

Ladies of Royal Purple collected \$91.35 at their Save the Children Fund tag day at Lake Cowichan.

Well-steamed rice may be added to the diet for babies after they become eight to nine months of age.

Clubwomen's News

Philathes Officers—Mrs. R. Hetherington was re-elected president at the meeting of Metropolitan Philathes Group, held in the home of Mrs. J. R. Standen, Pandora Avenue. Other officers are: First vice-president, Mrs. E. Colbeck; second vice-president, Mrs. Edgar Holloway; treasurer, Mrs. Elmer Brown; secretary, Mrs. R. McKay; devotions, Mrs. Hugh MacDonald; social, Mrs. McCutcheon; press, Mrs. Aaron Parfitt. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. C. R. Wharton, 345 Arnold Street. Mrs. Holloway entertained with Christmas carols and later tea was served.

Bridge, Cribbage—Games of contract bridge and cribbage were held in Langford Community Hall recently. Mrs. R. F. Mackie, W. Blade, Miss L. Savory and Mrs. S. Taylor won prizes for bridge and Mrs. E. Dion and P. Parker the cribbage awards. Refreshments were served by Mesdames E. F. Lequesne, H. Hicks, and A. F. Bayles.

Christmas Cheer—Daughters of St. George, Victoria Lodge No. 83, made plans to distribute Christmas cheer to various organizations and also to hold a Christmas party at their recent meeting. Members stood in silent tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. Amy Carr, supreme president, Los Angeles.

Y.P. Societies

V.I. Presbytery—A dance will be held at Sweeney-McConnell Hall, 1010 Langley Street, New Year's Eve by Vancouver Island Presbytery. In charge of program is Keith Wilkinson, recreation convener. Commencing at 9 there will be games, dancing, novelties and refreshments.

Christmas Angels

An association of Angels with Christmas is as old as Christmas itself and Christmas Angels are always a delight to the children. When they are made of edible materials, they are especially welcome at the Christmas party.

The angels are simple to make. An ice cream cone, inverted, for a body; a marshmallow head; a dried apricot halo, and paper wings to be put on with Scotch tape are all of the materials needed.

The marshmallow will stick to the cone if you clip the bottom, pull the cut apart and fit it over the small end of the cone. Draw the face with a toothpick and red food coloring. Stand the angels in lemon snow pudding just before serving. The pudding is a favorite dessert of children.

Rinse starchy foods such as rice off dish surfaces while foods are still soft and moist, to save dishwashing time.

Delicate Pastels Accentuate Traditional Bridal Satin

The delicate blending of pastel mauve, yellow, blue and pink in attractive taffeta gowns worn by her seven attendants created the rainbow-like setting for satin-gowned Norma Van-Dyke, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Van-Dyke, when she exchanged vows with Raymond Clyde Prince, second son of Capt. and Mrs. A. Prince, Shelbourne Street.

Rev. W. Hills conducted the evening ceremony in Christ Church Cathedral, Dec. 10.

A shower bouquet of red roses and white carnations was carried by the bride, given in marriage

by her father. Her groom's gift of rhinestones glistened at her throat and wrist, a perfect complement to her traditional satin gown. Sleeves were lily point, and the delicate lace of the bodice was repeated in a full panel gracing the skirt and train.

A heart-shaped headress held her veil which misted into a full train borne by little Maxine Hill and Johanne Painter. Both wore full-length frocks of pale blue taffeta with rosebud-trimmed sashes.

In identical gowns of mauve taffeta, with headresses and shoulder veils in tone were matrons of honor, Mrs. Winnifred Jansen, sister of the bride and Mrs. Doreen Painter.

Twin sisters, Misses Jean and Jane Hanham of Duncan wore white, toe-touching taffeta gowns with contrasting sashes and headresses of mauve. All carried Colonial bouquets of mauve pink and white.

Three-year-old Dawn Jansen, flower girl for her aunt, wore yellow taffeta. She had rosebuds in her hair and carried a basket of yellow and rust-toned chrysanthemums.

Dennis Prince, two-year-old nephew of the groom, was ring bearer. He wore a trim sailor suit. Fred Varney was best man.

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Mrs. D. R. Monk, Misses Pamela Butcher, Helen Hill and Iris Birchall, left to right, members of the Solarium Junior League, are pictured with young "Roy," one of the many youngsters at Queen Alexandra Solarium who eagerly awaited the league's visit on Sunday, when they held their annual ceremony of hanging Christmas greens and decorations. League members and their husbands and friends, and special guests, several members of the Thetis Club of Vancouver, took part in the Christmas decorating, one of the many projects of the Junior League, which include the collecting of thousands of dollars for extra appliances for the institution.



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Four lemons, 1½ cups sugar or part honey or corn syrup, 2 cups boiling water, 2 tablespoons tea, 6 each whole cloves and allspice, 2 cups freshly extracted California orange juice, 2 cups apple juice or cider.

Parse the thin yellow peel from the lemons. Extract juice. (There should be about ½ cup.) Com-

bine peel with sugar in large bowl or in a glass tea kettle. Stir. Pour boiling water over tea and spices. Steep three minutes and strain over the lemon-peel-sugar mixture. Stir to dissolve sugar. Strain. Combine and heat but do not boil the orange juice and apple juice or cider. Add the hot strained tea mixture. Just before serving add the fresh, unheated lemon juice. Serve at once—piping hot. Garnish with unpeeled slices of orange and lemon. Serve eight.

WILLIAMSBURG PUNCH

Two quarts strong tea, 1½ qts. cranberry juice (or grape juice), 1 cup lemon juice (strained), 2 qts. water, 1 cup sugar, 1 qt. ginger ale.

Mix tea, fruit juices, water and sugar and chill. Just before serving, add ginger ale and pour over a large piece of ice in punch bowl. (Makes about two gallons.)

FRUIT PUNCH

Two dozen lemons (juice only), 2 doz. lemons (sliced thin), 2 cans sliced pineapple, 1 quart Maraschino cherries, 1 quart strong tea, 1 doz. oranges (juice only), Sugar to taste, 2 quarts carbonated water, 3 quarts ginger ale. Mix all ingredients. Allow to blend for several hours. Add cold ginger ale and carbonated water just before serving.

Salad Croutons

Brown 1 clove of garlic or 3 slices of onion in 1 tablespoon fat. Remove garlic or onion and add one cup of ½ inch bread cubes. Cook slowly until brown and crisp. Just before serving, toss lightly with the salad in the bowl.

Add cooked rice to omelet for a tasty dish. Add the rice to the yolk mixture before folding into the beaten whites.

Cracker Spreads For Tasty Snacks

Since this is the season for holiday entertaining, it's a good idea to have a couple of quick cracker spreads in mind for unexpected guests. One simple recipe uses cream cheese, sour cream and Brazil nuts.

The spread can either be used on crackers, or put in a dish in the centre of the potato chip tray so the guests can help themselves. Just blend one package of cream cheese with one cup of sour cream and add one-half cup of chopped Brazil nuts. Season with a dash of salt, and if you wish, a bit of Tabasco sauce.

Another spread that's fancy enough for special party occasions is a combination of chicken livers and wine. Saute about one-half pound of chicken livers in two tablespoons of butter or margarine. One bay leaf and one-fourth teaspoon of marjoram added to the livers as they brown will improve the flavor. As soon as they're lightly browned, cover and cook for three minutes. Then remove the bay leaf and rub the livers through a sieve. Add the butter drippings from the pan and season to taste with salt and pepper. Finally, add two or three tablespoons of sherry wine and mix well. Then chill until you're ready to serve on crackers or toast wafers.

ALMOND BOLOGNA SPREAD

Half cup unblanched almonds, 1 medium-sized carrot, ½ cup ground bologna, 2 tablespoons table cream, 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, salt to taste, mayonnaise. Grind almonds, carrot and bologna. Combine with cream, Worcestershire sauce, salt and sufficient mayonnaise to give spreading consistency. Stir to blend. Makes approximately one cup spread.

Yuletide Parties Call For Something In The Way Of Rich, Dainty Cookies

A good supply of cookies on hand means charming hospitality at the holiday season when friends are constantly dropping in to visit over a cup of tea.

A nicely-packed box of home-made cookies is a welcome gift for those who live in one room and cook on a grill. Plain cookies, gaily decorated or cut with fancy cutters, make pretty decorations for the tree. You may be sure they won't be kept over until next year.

With star, tree, reindeer and Santa cutters and a supply of cranberries, gum drops, peel and wee silver or colored candies, using with a bit of imagination, a surprising array of cookies may be turned out in an afternoon.

These recipes are for quickly-made, colorful, fruity cookies to fill the cookie jar.

GUMDROP BARS

One cup sifted all-purpose flour, OR 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons sifted pastry flour, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon baking powder, ½ cup gumdrops, 2 eggs, 1 cup brown sugar, ½ teaspoon almond flavoring.

Mix and sift flour, salt and baking powder. Cut gumdrops in slices and mix with flour. Beat eggs until light, add brown sugar and flavoring. Stir in flour mixture, blending well. Spread in a greased 9"x12" pan and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 20 minutes. Cool. Cut in bars. Yield: 54 1"x2" bars.



Decorated Christmas cookies are a holiday tradition among families.

ALMOND PETITES

Two egg whites, ¼ teaspoon cream tartar, ¼ teaspoon salt, 1½ cups granulated sugar, 1 teaspoon lemon extract, 2 tablespoons cold water, ½ cups finely ground unblanched almonds, ½ cup finely ground dry toast (white bread).

Combine egg whites, cream-tartar, salt and sugar, and beat with rotary beater until very thick. When mixture becomes too thick to beat with rotary beater, use a heavy spoon or whip. Add flavoring and water, and beat again until very thick. Add combined almonds and toast, and stir until well blended. Drop by very small spoonfuls, or use pastry bag with large tube, on to lightly-greased and flour-dusted cookie sheets. Top each cookie with a silver of preserved orange peel or candied cherry. Bake in a slow oven (300 degrees F.) about 20 minutes. Remove from cookie sheets with spatula. Makes approximately 7½ dozen small cookies.

BUTTERSCOTCH SLICES

One-third cup chicken fat, ½ cup brown sugar, 1 egg, ¼ teaspoon vanilla, 1½ cups pastry flour OR 1½ cups all-purpose flour, 1½ teaspoons baking powder, ½ teaspoon salt.

Cream fat and sugar, then add vanilla and egg. Beat well. Mix in flour sifted with baking powder and salt. Shape in roll about 2 inches in diameter. Wrap in wax paper. Chill thoroughly. Cut in ¼-inch slices. Place cookies on lightly-greased baking sheet and bake in moderately hot oven (375 degrees F.) for 10 to 15 minutes. Makes 3½ to 4 dozen cookies.

SCOTTISH FANCIES

Two eggs, 1 cup sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon vanilla, 2 tablespoons melted butter, 1 cup rolled oats, 1 cup coconut. Beat eggs very light, add sugar, salt, vanilla and melted butter. Beat well, add rolled oats and coconut. Drop by teaspoonfuls, well apart, on a greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees F.) until lightly browned—about 10 minutes. Yield: five dozen small, thin cookies.

HONEY HAPPIES

Three-quarters cup brown sugar, 3 tablespoons honey, 1 table-

OLD FASHIONED MOLASSES COOKIES

One-half cup shortening, ½ cup sugar, 1 egg, ½ cup molasses, 2½ cups sifted all-purpose flour, ½ teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon ginger, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, ½ teaspoon salt, ½ cup coffee brew.

Cream shortening and sugar. Beat egg; add. Stir in molasses. Sift flour, soda, ginger, cinnamon and salt; add alternately with coffee brew to creamed mixture. Wrap in waxed paper; chill 2 hours. Roll ¼" thick on lightly-floured board; cut with large fluted cutter. Place on greased baking sheet. Bake in hot oven (425 degrees F.) 10 minutes. Makes 12.

MINCEMEAT COOKIES

One-half cup shortening, 1 cup sugar, 3 eggs, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 2 cups mincemeat, 3½ cups sifted all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1 teaspoon baking soda, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon allspice.

Cream shortening, add sugar gradually and cream well together. Add beaten eggs, beating until the mixture is light and fluffy. Add vanilla and mincemeat. Mix and sift flour, baking powder, soda, salt and allspice and add to creamed mixture, blending well. Drop by teaspoonfuls on a greased baking sheet and bake in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees F.) 15 to 20 minutes. Yield: about five dozen cookies.

Time For Stuffing

Flavorful celery stuffing goes with any poultry to make a holiday feast. You'll find it good and easy to prepare with turkey and it tastes good with the potatoes and gravy.

Use canned condensed cream of celery soup for the moistener. It will make the stuffing delectable, hold the ingredients together well, and save your time, too, as you'll have no celery to clean, cut or cook. Also you'll have the gentle blend of the flavors of the soup added.

Toss the stuffing lightly and you'll come out with food to give thanks for. Allow about a cup of stuffing for a pound of fowl.

CELERY STUFFING

Twelve cups dry bread cubes, 1 medium onion, chopped fine, ½ teaspoon poultry seasoning, ½ teaspoon pepper, ½ cup melted butter or margarine, 2 10½ ounce cans condensed cream of celery soup.

Mix bread cubes, onion and seasonings; pour on butter while stirring. Stir soup; then add, blending lightly. Stuff fowl. Makes moist stuffing for 12 pound fowl.

The gravy to go with the turkey and stuffing should be plentiful. Another can of soup will help you extend it in a way everybody will enjoy. Use cream of mushroom soup to add good mushroom flavor. And try this mushroom gravy with chicken sometimes.

MUSHROOM GRAVY

One 10½ ounce can cream of mushroom soup, 2 cups water (including broth from giblets), ½ to ¾ cup drippings (remaining after fowl is roasted), 3 tablespoons flour, Giblets, chopped.

Combine soup and 1½ cups water; add to drippings; stir well to loosen browned bits. Heat to boiling. Meanwhile, mix flour with remaining water; add to gravy when it boils, stirring until it thickens. Add giblets.akes 3 to 3½ cups gravy.

One of the best turkey stuffings we have ever tasted had wedges of luscious ripe olives in it. It was made with part corn bread and part dry white bread. The usual onion, celery and sage were used, but the ripe olives and corn bread put it in a class all by itself.

Garnish a bowl of fluffy rice with tiny squares of canned pimiento and fresh green peppers; serve with any meat or fowl and gravy.

Holiday Party Needs Snacks



For the holiday buffet—snacks and carbonated beverages.

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Key the buffet to an evening of informal dancing and singing: a plentiful supply of appetizing but inexpensive snacks to nibble—and bottled soft drinks, sparkling cold, and gaily decked with holly and other seasonal decoration. Get artificial holly sprigs at the five and ten cent store or cut out "1948" and attach with Scotch tape to the bottle caps.

Your platter of assorted snacks can include the following:

CHEESE DUNKER

In the centre of your snack platter, arrange a two-inch thick slice of green pepper, heaped high with a snappy cheese spread softened with a little milk. Pretzel sticks and small crisp crackers are dunked in the cheese by guests.

SAVORY CHIPS

Crisp potato chips take on new flavor, spread with well-seasoned cream cheese and chives. To prepare: soften a three-ounce package of cream cheese (about one-third cup) with a few drops

of cream or milk; season to taste with salt and pepper; add one teaspoon finely minced chives (minced onion may be used to replace chives). Spread on potato chips.

TOMATO TOAST ROUNDS

Three medium ripe tomatoes, peeled, French dressing, 12 rounds of bread, toasted, four cooked bacon slices, crumbled, cooked egg white as garnish.

Cut tomatoes into thin slices (each tomato yields four to five slices). Marinate tomato slices in French dressing. Drain very well. Place a tomato slice on each toast round; heap crumbled bacon in centre. Garnish with diamond-shaped pieces of cooked egg white.

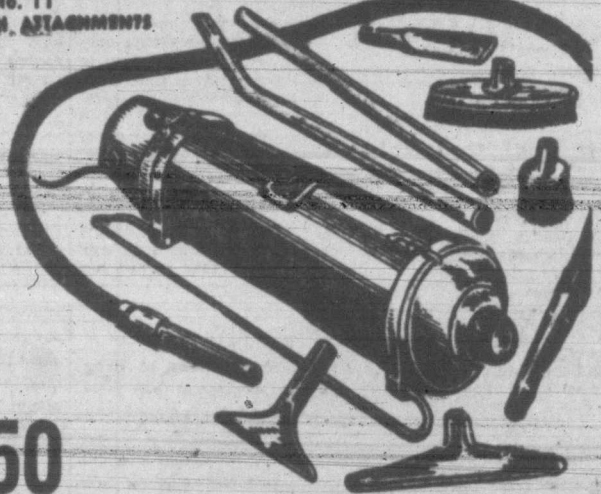
STUFFED DILL RINGS

Three large dill pickles, one can (three ounces) deviled ham, three tablespoons finely chopped green pepper, yolk from one hard-cooked egg, salt, pepper.

Remove centre of pickles with an apple corer. Add pickle to pulp, green pepper and egg yolk to deviled ham and mix. Season, if desired, with salt and pepper. Stuff pickles with mixture, chill well, and cut into half-inch slices. Spear each slice with a toothpick.

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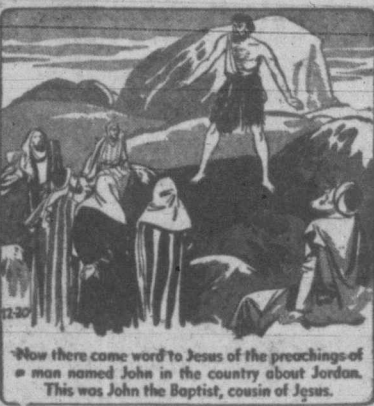
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B.C. Trustees Plan 1950 Convention Here

B.C. School Trustees' Association will hold its 1950 convention in Victoria next October, it was announced Monday night at a meeting of the Greater Victoria School Board.

Dates of the convention will coincide with those of the Canadian Education Association which also will be held here.

Punjab University Honors McGill Head

LAHORE, Pakistan (Reuter)—Punjab University Monday conferred honorary degrees on distinguished visitors from Canada and the United States.

Dr. Cyril James, principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University, Montreal, was made a doctor of laws, and Dr. Arthur Holly Compton, chancellor of Washington University, St. Louis, was made a doctor of science.

Dr. James has been on a visit to this Moslem Dominion.

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The DOCTOR

Says:

SOME PEOPLE SEEM TO HAVE TROUBLES RELATED TO WEATHER

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.

Many people notice that there are changes in the way they feel when the weather turns stormy and damp, hot and muggy, or clear and cool. A few have pains in their muscles or joints at times and claim they can tell when a storm is coming. More susceptibility to colds or other infections in bad weather is a common complaint.

Extensive studies have been made on the relation between certain diseases and changes in the weather. Most human infections, particularly those of the breathing system and rheumatic types, seem much worse in the periods of heavy storms during winter and fall and they are least common in midsummer warmth.

In addition to the immediate effect of stormy weather, some differences have been reported between one climate and another so far as several diseases are concerned. This may be connected with the difference in storminess or variations in temperature and barometric pressure between one region and another. Some of those who have studied the question have even gone so far as to say that almost all diseases are greatly affected by these differences.

FOR BETTER BREATHING

People with chronic infections of their breathing apparatus or those who are unusually susceptible to acute infection do seem to do better in the southwestern part of the United States, where major storm changes occur far less frequently than in most other parts of the country. The benefit which they can obtain is



"FOR HEVVIN'S SAKE"—A fallen angel is hailed Cary Wilmer Jr., seen strumming his harp in an Atlanta, Ga., hospital. Playing the role of a heavenly messenger in a stage show, Wilmer suffered a broken arm and leg when the cable supporting him above the stage broke. Strictly down to earth now, Wilmer vows never to act the angel again—not in this world, anyway.

probably greatest in the winter and spring when storm conditions are at their worst in the northern and eastern sections of the country.

Not all doctors are agreed on the direct relation of climate or weather to health and infection, but there does seem to be a relation, at least in some people.

Question: Would you please discuss cancer of the throat and tuberculosis of the throat?

Answer: These are big subjects and both conditions are so comparatively rare that it hardly seems justified to discuss them in a full column.

Lumber Man Dies

VANCOUVER (CP)—Burton C. Keeley, president of Empire Mills Ltd. and the Keeley Lumber Co. Ltd., died Monday in a hospital. He was 61 years old.

Vancouver Carolers May Be Licensed

VANCOUVER (CP)—Silent night carollers here will observe it, not sing it, if the city licence department has its way.

The City Council Monday authorized the licence inspector and chief of police to seek means of curbing the "traffic problem" of Christmas serenaders.

"In earlier days it wasn't so bad," said Mayor Charles Thompson, "but now Vancouver is a big city and we don't want these people obstructing shoppers at Christmas." He suggested introducing licences as a possible curb.

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Hoover dam was finished in 1936. Before it was built, a way had to be found to keep the Colorado river from causing trouble while workmen were putting up the huge concrete mass. Tunnels were cut through canyon walls to give a new course to the river until the dam was ready.

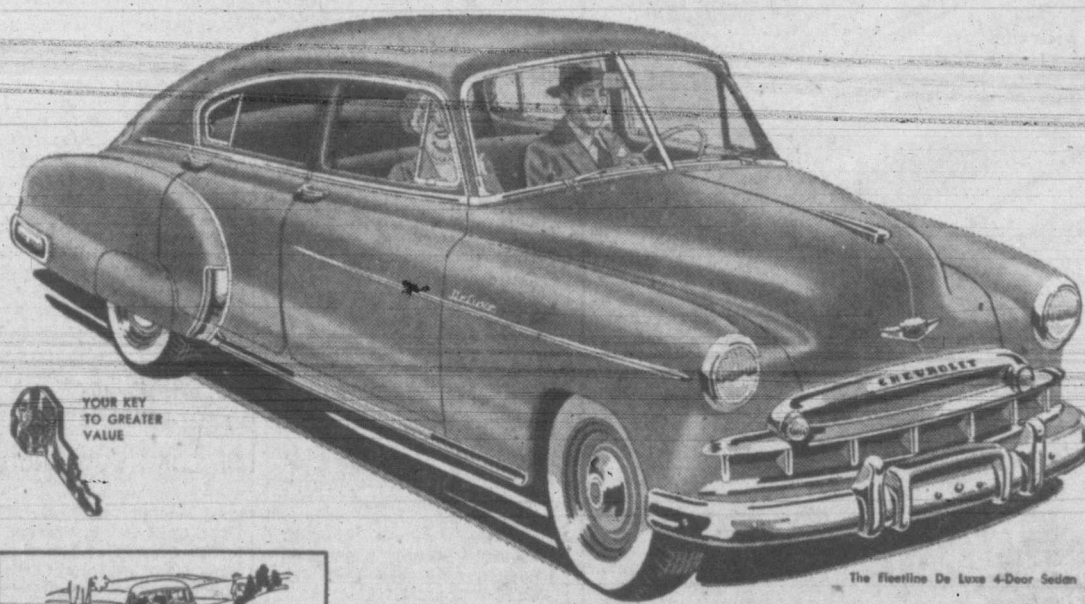
Hoover dam is the highest in the world, rising 727 feet above the bottom of the canyon. It has almost three times as much masonry as the Great Pyramid of Gizeh. The Grand Coulee dam in the state of Washington is not so high, but it has far more masonry, and is regarded as the "world's largest dam."

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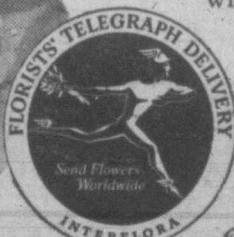
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12 Locust Swarms Move Out Of Pakistan On Way To Africa

By O. M. GREEN
LONDON (ONS)—Just 60 years ago a swarm of locusts crossing the Red Sea was estimated to be 2,000 square miles in extent.

That, of course, is exceptional. But once a plague of locusts is well started, it is almost impossible to stop. Hence the anxiety of the Anti-Locust Research Centre in London when news was received last week of 12 locust swarms crossing Pakistan on the way to southern Persia or more probably to Oman, which juts out from southern Arabia into the Persian Gulf, their favorite breeding ground.

None of those 12 swarms was very big, I am told by Dr. B. P. Uvarov of the Natural History Museum in London, the world's greatest authority on locusts. Each one might measure half-an-acre in size or even less. But a locust begins to breed at the age of six weeks, and the nymph (or female) lays 100 eggs at a time, of which about 90 come to maturity.

To recall another record, in Cyprus in 1881 no less than 1,300 tons of egg masses were dug up and destroyed. The damage to crops in India alone between 1925 and 1934, the last 10-year period of which accurate records are available, was estimated at

nearly £2,000,000. (More than \$4,000,000 at present prices).

FEAR NEW PLAGUE

Those small swarms reported crossing Pakistan may develop into thousands of millions of locusts spreading from Oman down the east coast of Africa and returning to India for the winter and spring crops. And there are grave fears that a new plague of locusts, which could have been checked at the source in summer for a comparatively small sum, now threatens.

Locusts breed, of course, in many parts of the world from America to New Zealand. But there is no worse starting-point for them than the desert spaces of Rajputana and across the border in the Pakistan states of Bahawalpur and Khairpur. It is from these areas that the 12 swarms crossing Pakistan are believed to have come.

The locusts begin breeding as soon as the monsoon stops. The monsoon is always intermittent in the districts just mentioned and has been irregular elsewhere too. So the conditions were more than usually favorable for the locusts' breeding.

WAYS TO FIGHT THEM

There are many ways of fighting locusts. Airplanes are used only against big swarms actually

on the move. For these, too, screens are erected against which the hoppers (the young locusts) bang, to fall into trenches filled with water and kerosene. But the regular day-by-day method of the desert survey are dusting, spraying and baiting with poisoned grain, performed by mechanized vehicles, camels and men with tanks on their backs.

But the funds and equipment available are pitifully small considering the huge, wild and sparsely populated regions to be

covered. The budget for the present campaign is only £40,000. The team arranged by the Desert Locust Survey comprises only three field officers, seven light vehicles and two jeeps with camels and human labor.

BACK TO NORMAL

NEWCASTLE, Eng.—The city council has decided to discontinue "holidays at home." It said travel facilities have improved to permit normal vacationing.

New Deputy Chief

VANCOUVER (CP)—Duncan Fraser, former head of the uniform department and a veteran of 37 years' service with the Vancouver police force, Monday was named deputy chief constable. He succeeds retired deputy chief Andrew Campbell. Detective Inspector Charles Palmer has taken over the post of superintendent of the uniform department.

Employ Extra Help

LAKE COWICHAN—Extra help has been employed at the Lake Cowichan post office during the Christmas rush with 174 additional mail boxes installed over the week-end.

EDINBURGH—Scientists have produced a new breed of mice known as "crinkles." The mice have 40 per cent less hair than ordinary mice and have bald, kinky tails.

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Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

AFTER chatting to officials of the six clubs in the northern division of the Coast Hockey League I wouldn't be surprised if there is not a definite move at the close of the present season to bring about a split with the southern division. There is not one northern division club in favor of the present system of inter-sectional games. The general feeling is that two separate leagues should be organized with a series between the winners at the close of the respective playoffs.

SUCH a move would mean a big financial saving to the northern clubs. That one trip a season to California is expensive business. It also means disruption of the home schedule. In the case of the Cougars the southern jaunt will take them away from their home ice for 18 days. That's a long time for the fans to be without hockey. On the strength of the southern division teams seen to date the Victoria customers are far from impressed. Talking to several of them they were of the opinion a six-team northwest league would be a much better deal.

ATTENDANCE figures to date would indicate the six teams in the northern division are definitely in a position to go it alone. Such a circuit would be compact with travel reduced to a minimum. Unless he has experienced a change of heart since the opening of the season, such a split would be opposed by president Al Leader of Seattle. He is a strong booster of the two divisions in the league.

ACCORDING to a newspaper report the Seattle Ironmen are contemplating looking into the possibility of playing post-season games in our Memorial Arena, providing they reach the Coast Hockey League playoffs. It appears the Ironmen's lease on the Seattle rink expires before playoff time. Rather than pay the suggested increased rental the Ironmen would seek a deal to play their games here. They feel the tremendous hockey interest in Victoria would see them draw even though the games might feature two out-of-town clubs. Just imagine how the Seattle fans are going to react if their playoff games are taken away from them.

SOMETHING worth seeing. The junior hockey teams of the Victoria Minor Hockey Association were refused practice time at the Memorial Arena Sunday morning but about a dozen youngsters were playing shinny on the icy surface of the parking area outside the rink. Wonder if they will try and stop the kids from playing on the city streets on the Sabbath. It makes as much sense.

Canada's Games Team Headache For Davies

VANCOUVER (CP)—While Canada's Empire Games swimming team flailed to four records last night, Maj. Jack Davies, general manager of the 64-athlete delegation to New Zealand, waded hip-deep through last-minute particulars.

A contingent of 36 athletes and officials sails Thursday aboard the motorship Aorangi to the games Feb. 10 at Auckland. The remainder leave by air Jan. 17.

The odds and ends remaining undone before Thursday, Maj. Davies implied, are considerable. So are the festivities planned for the competitors. His eight assistant officials and himself have been busy with Sundays hand-outs of the official uniforms and last night's big swim show— to raise a few more shekels for the trip. There's a banquet scheduled for each of the remaining days and embarkation early Thursday.

In a hurried aside last night from his multiple duties, the veteran of both World Wars said transportation and accommodation have been by far the biggest headaches he's encountered since tackling his job 12 months ago.

"But I had bigger ones in the army," he added.

"However, not knowing how much money we had, how many athletes or where those athletes lived, didn't help."

He said he must have written and provincial branches received, and written—"hundreds and hundreds of letters."

DEAL HEADACHE

Turning back to the transportation problem, he listed his troubles in reservations as an example. Starting out with 10 reservations on the Aorangi, those reservations coming in three classes, he finally wangled what he needed all in cabin class.

He said he wasn't worried about how Canada will perform in the games. But he contended, before he was whisked away to attend to some detail, that there is too much emphasis placed on which country wins when "the purpose of these games should be to foster good sportsmanship among the visiting athletes."

Last night's swim gala was the last Canadian performance

Calgary Stamps Drop Close Tilt With Saskatoon

CALGARY (CP)—Injuries caught up with Calgary Stampers in the Western Canada Senior Hockey League last night. Already without three valuable men, Stampers lost another in bowing 4 to 2 to rejuvenated Saskatoon Quakers before 4,500.

The man put out of action was centre Archie Scott who broke his collar bone in a jolting check by Chuck McCullough. The fourth injury considerably weakened the league leaders, already minus centre Butch McDonald, defenceman Julian Sawchuk and winger Johnny Millard.

Quakers were staging a comeback from their long tenure in the cellar. The victory put them in a two-way tie with idle Regina Caps for third place in the four-team loop.

Stamps only two goals came before the halfway mark of the first period, from Jack Taggart and Dunc Grant, once the league's most dangerous man.

WINNIPEG HOCKEY—Winnipeg Black Hawks moved within three points of the second-place Winnipeg Monarchs in the Manitoba Junior Hockey League last night by edging the cellar-dwelling Winnipeg Canadiens 5 to 4 before 1,000 fans. It was Hawks' first win in nine games.

ICE SCHEDULE AT THE ARENA

TUESDAY, DEC. 20
Junior Practice—8 to 9 a.m.
Navy Junior—11 to 12 a.m.
Firefighters' League—12 to 1 p.m.
Seattle versus Victoria—8:30 a.m.
Junior Hockey—10:15 to 11:15 p.m.

Pretty Victoria Miss To Seek Swim Honors



Joan Morgan of the Y.M.C.A. Swimming Club is another of the city's star athletes who will be representing the Dominion at the British Empire Games in Auckland, N.Z., early in February. Miss Morgan, who has been training in Vancouver during recent weeks, spent the week-end with her parents at 1352 St. Patrick Street and caught up on her packing for the long boat trip. Above, Miss Morgan is stowing away some gear in a duffel bag. Left, she poses in her trim games team jacket and displays the swim suit to be worn at the international meet.

Rep Ruggers To Drill For Boxing Day Tilt

The Victoria All-Star rep rugby squad to meet Vancouver Rowing Club here Boxing Day, Dec. 27, in an exhibition match at Macdonald Park will move indoors for tonight's practice session, it was announced today.

The 18 players named by Union officials following Saturday's trial match at Macdonald Park are asked to report to the Armouries at 7:30.

Another workout is billed for Macdonald Park Thursday night at 7:30, weather permitting.

The All-Star club is expected to form a basis of final selection for the Crimson Tide side to play in the annual McKechnie Cup series against Vancouver and Varsity commencing here Jan. 14.

Players from which the starting 15 will be named follow: H. Olson, Marks, Hutchison, Hyde-Lay, Prevost, Newton, Main, Preddy, Mullholland, Brunwell, Kerr, H. Turner, A. Williams, Mill, J. Olson, Nixon, Bolton and Blythe.

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Philadelphia Athletics Monday sent outfielder Don White to San Francisco Seals of the Coast League for the waiver range of \$10,000.

White, 30, came to the Athletics from the Seals following the 1947 P.C.L. season.

Smith's Playing Streak Will End

BOSTON (AP)—The longest consecutive playing streak of any current National Hockey League player will come to an end in Chicago Wednesday night.

Kenny Smith, lightweight Boston left-winger, will miss the Black Hawks game after playing 237 successive contests since Jan. 10, 1946. He is suffering from a groin injury.

The N.H.L. all-time consecutive game record is held by Murray Murdoch, now coaching at Yale, who completed 600 games without a miss during his 11 seasons with New York Rangers from 1926-37.

HAAS GOES DOWN

NEW YORK (AP)—New York Giants Monday announced the outright sale of first-baseman Bert Haas to their Minneapolis farm of the American Association. Haas, 35, hit .237 in 56 games last season.

Oaks' Withdrawal Brings Player Changes; Ironmen Here Tonight

It's Seattle Ironmen against the Cougars tonight at the Memorial Arena, with Seattle out to break an eight-game winless streak and the Cougars seeking to win back their lost fourth-place rating.

Tacoma Rockets by whipping Seattle Sunday night dumped the locals into fifth spot while Seattle stayed in third place only two points ahead of the Rockets and three to the good of the Cougars.

The race is so close for the middle portion of the northern division standings that only four points separates fifth-place Victoria from second-place Vancouver.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

The change in schedule effected by Oakland's withdrawal from the Coast League finds Portland Penguins meeting Cougars here Friday night in place of the Oaks and the locals traveling to Portland Wednesday Dec. 28 for a return game with the Penguins.

Portland also is scheduled to play in the city Boxing Day, Dec. 26, at 3 in the afternoon.

In other schedule changes, New Westminster plays at Vancouver tonight and Vancouver at New

Westminster Wednesday. Tacoma plays at Seattle Sunday night and Seattle at Tacoma Jan. 31.

This makes up the 35-game home and away schedule for all clubs except in the cases of New Westminster and Portland, which clubs have already made the southern trip. For these it will mean an extra game away from home and should this game have any bearing on the final standings, the final positions will be computed on a percentage basis.

Nine of the 15 Oakland players have been sold to other clubs in the Coast League with most of the boys remaining in the league staying in the southern division.

Fresno acquired Gordon Dugan, right wing; Ray Glover, centre; Walter Babey, defence, and Ed Marchant, left wing. San Diego purchased Bill Jones, left wing; Stan Jones, right wing; and Lawrence May, defence. To San Francisco went defenceman Danny Nixon and to

Vancouver centre Eric Unger. Paul Courteau, a centre formerly with Vancouver, went to Louisville of the U.S.H.L.

Shore also announced that goalie Nip O'Hearn and centre Mike Narduzzi were being sent to Springfield with the possibility of Eric Prentice, Red Kane and Joe Iannarilli going to the same club.

SKYHAWKS ACTIVE

Other deals in the league saw San Diego selling Billy Cupolo, Andy Brown and Doug Maher to Seattle. Brown and Maher have refused to report. Defenceman Hector Legris has been sent to Louisville and Lally LaBonde released.

"The Oakland franchise will be reactivated when and if registration equipment is installed in the Oakland auditorium or a new building is built in Oakland which will accommodate ice hockey," Eddie Shore, Oakland owner, said on his return to Oakland last night.

Alan Kuntz Builds Up Seven-Point Margin

Alan Kuntz, although a slow starter, is making a run-away of the Pacific Coast Hockey League northern division scoring race, latest unofficial figures show. Kuntz, an opportunist in front of the nets who patrols left wing on Vancouver's first-string line, picked up five points last week to run his total to 55, seven more than Tacoma's ace sniper, Doug Adam.

Hockey Standings

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

	W	L	T	P	A	Pts
Coach Lines	6	1	2	45	22	14
Douglas Tide	6	2	1	32	18	13
Navy	4	3	2	26	17	10
Hotelmen	4	5	0	30	37	8
Civil Service	3	5	1	22	38	7
B.O.P.	1	8	0	25	48	2

U.S.H.L.

	W	L	T	P	A	Pts
Minneapolis	17	8	3	127	81	37
Tulsa	13	15	4	122	130	30
Omaha	12	11	2	104	92	26
St. Paul	10	12	6	86	108	26
Kansas City	11	15	4	123	131	26
Louisville	11	13	3	106	124	25

Frank Boucher May Quit N.H.L. Rules Committee

NEW YORK (CP)—Manager Frank Boucher of New York Rangers may leave the National Hockey League rules committee.

Boucher said today he has resigned from the committee because of the criticism of league president Clarence Campbell. However, Campbell has asked him to reconsider his action, Boucher said.

Boucher said that every time he discussed the possibilities of a future change in rules, Campbell considered it as a "criticism of the game."

The 48-year-old native of Ottawa said he would rather leave the committee than not be able to discuss rule changes. "It would be ridiculous to leave myself open to such criticism," he said. He was always anxious to discuss changes in rules because that was the only way to improve the game.

Lorne Main Enters Indoor Tournament

MONTREAL (CP)—Lorne Main, promising young Vancouver tennis ace, has entered the Regiment de Chateaugay indoor tennis meet here Feb. 1-12.

Lucien Lavender, promoter of the meet, said he received a letter yesterday in which Main announced he would be able to take part in the first such tourney in Montreal in 13 years. Lavender said Main, a student at the University of California, will be getting pre-exam recess early in February and will be free to make the trip.

Junior Pucksters To Follow Pros Tonight

Maroons and Royals of the city junior hockey league will meet tonight at the Memorial Arena following the professional game between the Cougars and Seattle Ironmen, Ivan Temple of the Victoria Minor Hockey Association announced this morning.

It will be the final scheduled league game for junior clubs until Jan. 17, unless other arrangements can be made.

Louis Ends Squabble By Scoring Knockout

OAKLAND, Calif. (UP)—Joe Louis may be serious about his current tour being an "exhibition," but his easy fifth-round kayo victory over young Al Hoesman of San Francisco proved again last night that the Brown Bomber is one of the best.

Louis and his manager billed the bout as a scheduled 10-round exhibition. But the California State Athletic Commission said a state law prohibited any fight in which no decision was rendered.

The exact status of the fight never was cleared because Louis ended the squabble by scoring his knockout.

Commissioner Joe Phillips saw the former champion what amounted to a "waiver" on the decision necessity, but there was something of a compromise in that the referee was to get together with the newsmen after the match and settle on a decision.

Louis, however, averted the necessity for that with his kayo victory, the first time young Hoesman had ever lost on a knockout.

Kuntz moved into a first-place tie with Tacoma's Mel Read for the lead in the assist column by helping out on three goals over the week to give him an even 30. Adam is still the top goal-getter in the loop with 31 in the same number of contests.

Read holds down the number three spot with 43 points, although being hard-pressed by another Vancouverite, Bill Shill who has 18 tallies and 24 assists. Veteran Wingy Johnston and Bobby Ballance are tied for fifth place with 40 points apiece. Big Eddie Mazur continues to pace the Cougars with a total of 35 points. He shares 11th place with New Westminster's Amy Dufault.

LEAGUE BAD MAN

Tacoma's Norm Gustavson is still the loop's bad man with a total of 77 minutes charged against him in penalties. Included in his string are 21 minors, one major, two misconduct and one match penalty. Victoria's Tom Hockey and George Senick are second and third on the list with 62 and 61 minutes, respectively.

In the goal-tending department, it's still Jerry Cotoir of the loop-leading New Westminster sextette in front by a comfortable margin. Cotoir has been beaten 112 times in 34 games for a game average of 3.29. He has two shutouts to his credit. Doug Stevenson of Tacoma, who tops the northern division in goose-eggs with three, is runner-up with an average of 3.55.

Scoring leaders follow:

	G	A	Pts	Min.
Fanis, Canucks	29	29	58	14
Adam, Rockets	31	17	48	36
Read, Rockets	21	22	43	6
Shill, Canucks	18	34	42	0
Johnston, Rockets	20	23	43	14
Ballance, Canucks	15	25	40	0
Loze, Royals	16	24	40	2
Bare, Rockets	15	22	37	31
Ulrich, Royals	18	19	37	0
McPurson, Canucks	15	16	31	6
Dufault, Royals	18	17	35	8
Mazur, Cougars	15	14	29	0
O. Duroshoy, Royals	11	22	34	13
Filion, Ironmen	12	21	33	2
Senick, Ironmen	15	16	31	61
Milford, Rockets	14	17	31	24
Chakovsky, Canucks	12	18	30	2
Stearns, Ironmen	12	14	26	0
Kerr, Penguins	9	14	23	12
Fack, Rockets	8	21	30	4

GOALKEEPERS' AVERAGES

	G	A	S	Av.
Cotoir, Royals	24	112	3	3.29
Stevenson, Rockets	21	110	3	3.55
Karakas, Penguins	18	89	1	4.94
Pickell, Ironmen	22	118	0	5.36
Clarence, Canucks	22	124	0	5.64
Fack, Rockets	21	123	0	5.86

Les Douglas Holds Ice Scoring Lead

NEW YORK (CP)—Les Douglas of Cleveland Barons continued to lead the American Hockey League in scoring this week with 18 points.

Second place was held by Kelvin Burnett, Springfield Indians rookie, at 38 points.

Leading scorers follow:

	G	A	Pts
Douglas, Cleveland	16	20	46
Burnett, Springfield	17	21	38
Chad, Providence	16	19	35
Kelly, Cleveland	16	19	35
Schultz, Cleveland	16	20	34
Fraser, Providence	16	20	34
Care, Cleveland	15	17	32
Groden, Springfield	15	17	32
McGill, Providence	15	17	32
Demarco, Buffalo	15	16	31

PROVIDENCE—Rocky Marciano, 183½, Brockton, stopped Phil Muscato, 180½, Buffalo (5).

BOSTON—Low Jenkins, 138½, Sweetwater, Tex., knocked out Iggy Vaccari, 136½, Boston (9).

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Top-Scoring Lindsay Proves Hockey Oddity

MONTREAL (CP)—Detroit's Ted Lindsay continues to hold a slim edge in the National Hockey League scoring race, but Chicago's Doug Bentley and Montreal's Maurice (Rocket) Richard are rapidly overtaking him.

League statistics released today show that Lindsay leads the point-getting race with 33 points made up of 15 goals and 18 assists—two points more than Bentley and three more than Richard.

Bentley has seven goals and 24 assists while Richard has 22 goals and eight assists.

Richard's 22 goals in 29 games put him in top place for the goal-scoring honors. Doug Bentley leads the assist department with 24.

Lindsay is proving himself a hockey oddity. Besides leading the league scoring, he also heads the penalty parade with a total of 63 minutes spent in the "cooler."

BRODA LEADS

As a result of a shutout over

New York Rangers Dec. 18, Turk Broda of Toronto Maple Leafs increased his goose-egg total to five to take a lead in that division.

Bill Durnan of Montreal leads the netminders in the goals against department. In 29 games he has allowed 57 pucks to get past him for an average of 1.96 goals a game.

Scoring leaders follow:

	G.	A.	P.	Min.
Lindsay, Detroit	15	18	33	62
D. Bentley, Chicago	7	24	31	14
Richard, Montreal	22	8	30	25
Abel, Detroit	13	18	31	18
Peiron, Boston	14	12	26	21
R. Conacher, Chicago	10	16	26	21
Mosienko, Chicago	9	17	26	21
Howe, Detroit	11	14	25	27
Przykal, Chicago	14	9	23	14
Rooney, Boston	11	12	23	9

GOALKEEPERS' RECORD

	G.	A.	Shut.	Avg.
Durnan, Montreal	29	57	4	1.96
Lamley, Detroit	29	60	4	2.03
Hayes, New York	27	67	1	2.48
Broda, Toronto	29	73	5	2.50
Mayer, Toronto	1	2	2	2.00
Brinsek, Chicago	29	89	2	3.07
Gellman, Boston	30	94	2	3.10

NEW YORK — Jimmy Flood, 162½, New York, outpointed Bobby James, 157, New York (8).

BROOKLYN — Tony Janiro, 152, Youngstown, O., outpointed Mario Mareno, 151, New York (8).

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Sports Round-Up

By HUGH FULLERTON JR.

NEW YORK (AP)—Now that Dick Wakefield has gone to the New York Yankees in exchange for a reasonable facsimile of the first baseman he wanted, Detroit manager Red Rolfe can concentrate on another problem child, Frank House . . . the \$75,000 bonus catcher who couldn't hit in the Central League, will have to stick with the Tigers this year. . . . Rolfe figures House will do okay if he's a good enough receiver mechanically. . . . "As long as he doesn't drop balls and let them steal on him, he doesn't have to hit," says Red. . . . Biggest dam press-agent stunt of the basketball season was staged by Dave Stidolph of Washington State, who shipped this department a gallon of water from Grand Coulee Dam to replace what the Cougar basketballers might drink in New York.

ONE-MINUTE SPORTS PAGE

One reason who so few American-born hockey stars are turning up these days is that the rinks at Chisholm and Virginia, Minn., have been leased to a clothing manufacturer. Now they're making shirts instead of shots.

CLEANING THE CUFF

Hank Greenberg and other Cleveland Indian executives are high on their expensive pitching prospect, Hal Saltzman, because of his determination to win. "I'd rather have a player with that spirit than one with a little more ability," Greenberg said.

St. Louis Cards Brought \$4,050,800

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The late Sam Reardon got \$4,050,800 for the St. Louis Cardinals when he sold the club to Fred W. Saigh and the late Robert E. Hannegan in November, 1947.

The figure was disclosed Monday in a suit by the St. Louis Browns to evict the Cardinals from Sportsman's Park here. Eviction is sought on grounds the Red Birds' lease on the park was broken when the club changed ownership. The Browns own the park.



Pay Line

Jockey Art Monteiro nears finish aboard Meangen, on rail, to complete \$224.60 daily double at Tropical Park. Finishing in order of line at Coral Gables, Fla., track are The Prophet, War Page and Galla Babe.

Richard No. 1 Player In Hockey, Says Abel

MONTREAL (CP)—Who's the greatest hockey player in the game today?

Ask Sid Abel, veteran centre with Detroit Red Wings, and he'll answer—the Rocket.

Chatting with Dink (Montreal Gazette) Carroll, Abel concentrated his praise on Montreal Canadiens' Maurice Richard, whose 22 goals have given him the goal-collecting berth in the National Hockey League.

"When's he gonna stop?" Abel moaned. "That's what I want to know. When's he gonna stop?"

He said Richard and goalie Bill Durnan are "what make Canadians click."

"The one guy puts them in at one end and the other guy keeps them out at the other."

REISE AND REARDON

Mulling over the league's defencemen, Abel told Carroll that Detroit's Leo Reise is the most underrated.

"He's the best in the league," Abel thinks. "Who's better? Don't tell me Reardon."

Ken Reardon of Canadiens, apparently one of Abel's pet peeves, "makes more mistakes in a single game than Reise will make all season."

What's more, says Abel, every team in the league "wants a piece of him . . . that's no accident."

"He's bullying around in the goal-crease all the time asking for trouble. He'll find it."

VERSATILE KELLY

If the players, instead of the coaches, had more to say about all-star teams, Abel would pick teammate Red Kelly as the most versatile.

"We use him for everything—to kill off penalties and on power plays," Sid says.

"But he hasn't had a chance to settle down in any one position long enough to prove how good he is."

Bowling Scores

MIXED FIFTEEN LEAGUE

Automotive Parts—L. Litchfield 647, A. Fish 550, D. Fish 558, O. Savory 587, O. Fish 541. Handicap 174. Totals: 1,104. 1,201, 967—3,272.

Young's Radio—D. Corbett 726, H. Leeming 685, D. Dickson 628, E. B. Sandfield 642, O. Leeming 685. Handicap 205. Totals: 1,079. 1,130, 1,380—3,589.

Automotive Parts won two.

Seven-Up—M. White 628, M. Martin 653, P. North 584, L. Larson 528, E. Butler 695. Handicap 60. Totals: 997, 1,134, 1,191—3,322.

Night Hawks—G. Price 457, W. Brynwick 584, F. Henderson 643, B. Hill 767, H. Hinton 549. Handicap 60. Totals: 949, 1,046, 1,116, 879—3,091.

Seven-Up won three.

Single Pins—L. White 655, M. Webb 494, P. Fisher 350, M. Craig 516, F. Randall 485, A. Copp 201. Handicap 220. Totals: 945, 1,116, 879—3,091.

Windsor U-Drive—J. Latham 652, V. Musgrave 529, R. Musgrave 684, M. Cowan 546, H. Cowan 501. Handicap 171. Totals: 1,112, 1,013, 1,231—3,356.

Windsor U-Drive won two.

Times—E. Sandahl 652, M. Nichol 549, M. Jealous 442, F. Babe 370, E. Dunn 668. Handicap 248. Totals: 1,082, 896, 995—2,973.

Busters—R. Dunnett 658, M. McLaren 623, M. Plimmer 498, P. Peterson 545, F. Whitford 694, A. Kirkbride 58. Handicap 275. Totals: 1,053, 1,042, 996—3,091.

Busters won two.

Box Music Studios—D. Partridge 683, A. Birt 645, C. Brown 638, A. Warshawski 775, H. Gent 651. Handicap 198. Totals: 1,082, 1,189, 1,289—3,560.

Williams Meat Market—J. Hughes 642, J. Williams 528, D. Ewing 744, J. Mills 610, C. Ward 696. Handicap 179. Totals: 1,134, 1,094, 1,114—3,342.

Box Music Studios won two.

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Busmen Remain On Top In Commerk Ice Loop

The Vancouver Island Coach Lines and Douglas Tire, battling for the leadership of the six-team Victoria Commercial Hockey League in the opening tussle of the three-game card at the Memorial Arena last night, fought to a 4 to 4 sawoff.

As a result, the two squads remained one-two at the top of the heap, with the bus drivers still out in front by a single point over the Tiremen.

The winless Brotherhood of Papermakers, now under the coaching reigns of Joe Dutkowski, turned in a reverse performance to notch their first victory of the season at the expense of the Hotelmen 5 to 4. In the final game, the flashy Navy sextette, headed by goalie Norm Jones, turned in their second straight shutout victory, a 5 to 0 decision over Civil Service.

SMALLEST CROWD

Weather conditions kept the usually large attendance down to the lowest of the year, with only 905 paying customers on hand.

The Coach Lines-Douglas Tire fixture produced some excellent competitive hockey all the way through and the squads battled on even terms through each of the three periods. After a scoreless opening canto Eddie Varga opened the scoring for Coach Lines at the 2:28 minute mark on an assist from Deutcher.

It was only four minutes later when Ernie Pearce took Don Gillespie's pass to blast home the tying marker and that was the second period scoring. Jimmy Neilson, who was a standout both defensively and offensively for the Coach Lines, gave the busmen a 2 to 1 lead after a minute of the third period on a pass from Varga.

Kenny Gunter and Len Elphick combined to tie it up for the tiremen again at 2:22, with the former flashing the red light, but Harry Harris went in on a solo at 3:10 to restore Coach Lines' one-goal lead. They appeared to make it 4 to 2 at 4:38 when Neilson went in all the way and the light went on, but referee Leo Ornest overruled, stating the puck hit the post. The crowd went wild, some arguing the puck went in and others agreeing with the referee, but at 11:42 the loop leaders scored a legitimate tally to gain a two-goal lead when Vic Feasey blasted the rubber past goalie Ab Ellis on a double passing combination from Connie McBeth and Varga.

Just 37 seconds later, Pearce

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20	7:00	0.6	8:26	8:12	24	1:01	21:36
21	7:17	1.1	8:32	8:12	30	10:42	20:49
22	7:34	1.6	8:38	8:12	34	10:22	20:15
23	7:51	2.1	8:44	8:12	38	10:02	19:44
24	8:08	2.6	8:50	8:12	42	9:42	19:14
25	8:25	3.1	8:56	8:12	46	9:22	18:44
26	8:42	3.6	9:02	8:12	50	9:02	18:14
27	8:59	4.1	9:08	8:12	54	8:42	17:44
28	9:16	4.6	9:14	8:12	58	8:22	17:14
29	9:33	5.1	9:20	8:12	62	8:02	16:44
30	9:50	5.6	9:26	8:12	66	7:42	16:14
31	10:07	6.1	9:32	8:12	70	7:22	15:44

SUNRISE and SUNSET
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Rex Beach Will Divide \$100,000

WHITE PLAIN, N.Y. (CP)—The will of novelist Rex Beach leaves his estate, valued at "more than \$100,000," to two colleges and several friends and relatives.

Notre Dame College, Wilcox, Sask., is to receive one-ninth of the estate, it was revealed Monday when the will was filed for probate.

Beach killed himself at his home at Sebring, Fla., Dec. 7, after suffering for two years from cancer. He was 72.

Christmas is a time of words

Among other things Christmas is a time of words,

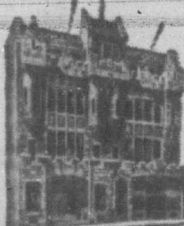
There are words that wish us well, that praise, that pay compliments and offer thanks for our many blessings.

And there are the words of the young—innocent words, full of the wonder of the day; and still other words, spoken over the vast spaces of a continent to waiting loved ones.

And there are words that are oft left unspoken, words revealed only by a firm handclasp or a trembling tear; and words too, that remind us of seasons gone by and of those to come.

And always—as long as time itself—there will be the familiar words—rich and splendid beyond compare, words alive forever with warmth and sincerity,

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Dolores Bill Laubach
Mrs. Ali Baba Al Adams
Wiz-ko Donny Paul
Lo-Jack Jim Oakman
Morgana Marie Beale
Mortimer John McDonald
Policeman Don Gray
Cassim Art Burdner
Judge Mary Armitage
Sweetie Gail Severide
Sandy Neil Lanning
Palma Frances Kenner
Rita Evelyn Eyer
Belina Dennis Harris
Caleb Victor Durell
Omar Victor Durell
Foreman G. G. Grahb

With all its traditional panoply of nonsense, gay costumes, catchy tunes and dancing, the pantomime, as dreamed up by Reg Hince, has been a Christmas feature in Victoria for a number of years.

The 1949 edition opened Monday night at the Royal Theatre with a new and slightly dizzy version of "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves."

Mickey Francis and Alf Adams have plenty of scope for comedy and horseplay. Mickey is especially delightful in his Spanish

disguise and Alf in the prison cell, in his convict-striped nightgown.

The singing of Mary Armitage, Marie Beale and Art Stringer tops the musical aspect of the show. Mr. Stringer in particular, adds greatly to the evening's enjoyment. Alan White and Frank Dunn are also easy on the ear and one could wish for more numbers from them.

CAMELS' TANTRUMS

One of the best bits of characterization is John Macdonald as the hayseed cop who has an uncanny vocal resemblance to Mortimer Snerd. Youngsters will be delighted with "Dolores," the camel who is subject to tantrums and whose hide encloses agile Bill Laubach.

Two charming children, Marilyn McKinnon and Jennie Burns, symbolize the whole generation of childhood for which this particular pantomime is commanded by the Fair Queen.

Youngsters in the audience joyfully greeted old friends like Santa Claus, Wizard of Oz, Abdullah, to say nothing of fairies and gnomes, an adorable green and silver variety of the dancing of the wee folk.

The scenery, colorful and imaginative, is the work of Connie Sigrist and Dolly Jones. Laurels to the orchestra and the rhythmic qualities of the singing under the leadership of Harry Bigsby.

No One Hurt In Minor Accidents On Icy City Streets

Several minor accidents, in which no one was hurt, were recorded by police in the city Monday on snow-covered and icy streets.

About \$140 damage was done to cars driven by Arnold Glessing, Leipzig, Sask., staying at 1703 Fernwood Road, and Gerald L. Dickson, 2554 Bowker Avenue, when they met in collision at Fort and Davie Streets. Police said Glessing failed to stop at a stop sign.

The car being backed out of the driveway at the 2516 Bhan-shar Street home of Alex H. Murray by the owner, was in collision with a car driven south on that street by Earl Wilkins, 734 Pembroke Street. Damage was done to both cars. The Murray car was impounded by police.

Vernon Graham, foreman in charge of the work being done at the site of the new post office building, was advised by police yesterday to put a man at the Langley Street entrance to direct trucks in and out. This came following an accident between a truck being backed out of the enclosure and a car. About \$35 damage was done to the car, driven by Stanley D. Atkins, 992 George Road West.

About \$175 damage was done to cars driven by Denis W. Brown, 1028 Princess Avenue, and Donald B. Kennedy, 149 Randall Street, opposite 931 Fort Street. Police said Brown collided with the rear of Kennedy's car which was slowing down to park.

The department is asking ex-Imperials to prepare lists with all the information which will be needed, giving names, regimental numbers, present address, if and where the veteran contacted the D.V.A. in the past. Discharge certificates are required. Widows must supply their husbands' discharge and death certificates.

All categories require birth certificates, marriage certificates for veterans and widows.

The department advises applicants to obtain some form of documentary evidence proving residence in Canada for the last 20 years.

Victoria Appraisers To Attend Conference

Leading appraisers and realtors in Victoria will participate in the Northwest Appraisal Conference of the Society of Residential Appraisers, to be held Feb. 17 in Tacoma, it was announced today by Sam M. Armstrong, president of the Victoria chapter of the international organization whose membership totals 6,500.

Plans for the Tacoma meeting indicate that an attendance of approximately 300 to 400 is estimated, and representatives from all society chapters in the northwest will participate in the program.

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Most City Workers Asking Vancouver Wages Next Year

Wage demands for 1950 of "outside" city employees as well as firemen and city electricians are the same as Vancouver city salary scales, it was learned today from Ald. Frank Mulliner, who commented:

"These requests will put a great strain on the finances of the city."

Negotiations with the electricians and firemen were continuing, he added. However, the "outside" workers have taken their demands to conciliation. R. G. Clements has been appointed by the Labor Relations Board of the province as conciliator.

Ald. Mulliner, chairman of City Council's civic service committee, said the wage demands for next year of "inside" workers at the City Hall were not based on the Vancouver scale.

COST OF LIVING

"They are based on the cost-of-living index," the alderman said.

There is much talk of arbitration on wage requests among the civic employees and there is a feeling among some members of City Council that this system of settlement is not what it could be.

One comment heard at the City Hall was: "In arbitration the chairman of a three-man board selected by the appointees of the two parties in the dispute could be quite sincere in his task. But he might not have any responsibility to the citizens and could be responsible for the granting of wage increases in the vicinity of a quarter of a million dollars."

License Plate Sales By Mail Start Soon

Sales of motor vehicle and drivers' licenses by mail will start right after the New Year, officials of the motor license office said today. Over the counter sales are scheduled to start Feb. 1.

The office now is preparing the 218,000 notifications which will be mailed to every car owner in the province just as soon as the Christmas mail rush is over. Both motor vehicle license plates and drivers' licenses must be renewed by March 1.

The 1950 license plates, good for March 1, 1950, to Feb. 28, 1951, will be the opposite of the current plates in color scheme. They will have yellow numbers on a black background. The plates are made in jails.

Sir James Douglas Pupils In Concert

The annual Christmas concert of pupils of Sir James Douglas School was staged before a capacity audience one afternoon and an evening.

W. H. Wilson, principal, gave a brief address of welcome to parents and friends and Division XII opened the program with "Toys On Christmas Eve," an interpretation of toys brought to life by a fairy's wand.

Division XI told of the troubles of "Three Little Kittens." Senior pupils opened the evening performance with Christmas carols and Division X presented "A Woodland Scandal." The varied program included the Drama Club's presentation of two scenes from Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

Nativity Play At St. Barnabas

The opening performance of the annual Nativity Play was given Monday night, as an act of worship in preparation for the feast of Christmas, by the St. Barnabas Players in the church, Cook Street.

The play is being repeated to night, Wednesday and Thursday in St. Barnabas Church at 8. The director employed lights, costumes, off-stage music and a choral choir of three well-blended voices to underline the Christmas message, as in the early days of the church when drama was used to teach the lessons of the faith.

No mention is made of individual roles since both director and those portraying characters in the play wished the audience to regard the presentation as a service.

Ideal For Skiing

With another foot of snow falling Saturday, conditions are ideal for skiing, according to information received today from Courtenay. The road has been cleared by the government grader. The weather is perfect and the snow powdery.

A quiz contest and Christmas entertainment are on the agenda of the Real Estate Board luncheon meeting at the Empress Hotel Wednesday.



AYLMER SOUP IS SANTA CLAUS—Kathleen Stevens, age 9, of 1380 Slater Street, was the top girl winner of the Aylmer soup contest and is shown being presented with a brand new C.C.M. bicycle. C. D. Richards, left, assistant sales manager of Canadian Canners (Western) Ltd., and Angus MacDonald, right, Vancouver Island sales representative for the company, were on hand to present Kathleen with her prize.

Fire, Theft Drop; Liability Increase In Car Insurance

Publication of some figures on the new automobile insurance rates in B.C. would tend to lead the public into believing rates will be lower for 1950 than in 1949 when in point of fact there will be a general over-all increase.

This was the impression gained today from several Victoria insurance agents. A general increase of roughly 10 per cent has already been announced in various stories from the mainland. Public liability and property damage coverage—the insurance by B.C. law to qualify for the "pink card," showing financial responsibility, has increased.

Fire and theft insurance has decreased somewhat depending upon which one of 10 groups the owner is in. Collision insurance will probably be about the same if the car is a pre-1940 model. The decrease in fire and theft will not offset the increase in public liability and property damage.

With less road traffic and hazard than in Vancouver, Victoria rates are less than in Vancouver. New annual premiums for the public liability and property damage required for the "pink card" are \$17 instead of \$15 if he is the new A-1 class instituted to apply to those who can sign a specific form that no one under 25 years of age will drive the vehicle; \$20 instead of \$15 if he is in A class; \$25 instead of \$19 if he is in B class.

Fire and theft insurance rates for cars in group 5 dropped from \$4.50 to \$3.

Bus Driver Guilty Of Speeding Charge

Richard Lapp, 3300 Whittier Street, B.C.E.R. bus driver, was fined the usual \$15 fine for exceeding the 30-mile-an-hour speed limit in the city when he was found guilty of the charge in a trial that took up an hour in city police court today.

Evidence was that he was paced by Sgt. Brooke Douglas at 6.10 on the evening of Nov. 21 on Douglas Street between Queens and Hillside Avenue.

Sgt. Douglas told the court he paced accused, driving a blue bus, and Gordon Anderson, driving a yellow-colored bus, over that route and logged them at a speed of 40 miles an hour.

Anderson, called as a witness, said he had paid his fine without coming to court.

Magistrate Hall commented before closing the case that speeding buses created a greater peril to the pedestrian than speeding of ordinary cars.

In Accident With Police Car; Fined

Involved in a collision with a police car on Dec. 5 at Pandora Avenue and Blanshard Street, Frederick Henry, 1242 Rudlin Street, was found guilty on a charge of careless driving when he appeared in city police court today. He was fined \$35.

In city police court today, Bruce E. Graham pleaded guilty to a charge of wilfully damaging the gearshift on a car owned by Elvira R. Harrison early this morning. Magistrate H. C. Hall imposed a fine of \$10 or three days in jail, and ordered him to pay the \$5.75 damages or serve two more days in jail. Constable Jack Perry told of seeing Graham enter the car and deliberately do the damage to the gearshift.

Historical Society Here Names Pettit President For 1950

Professor Sydney G. Pettit, member of the Victoria College staff, Monday night was elected president of the Victoria section of the B.C. Historical Association.

The annual meeting was held in the Provincial Library.

H. C. Gilliland was elected vice-chairman, F. Henry Johnson, honorary secretary, and Miss Madge Wolfenden, honorary treasurer.

Councillors are: Miss Kathleen Agnew, R. P. Bishop, Mrs. E. M. Cuppage, Mrs. J. E. Godman, Dr. H. M. Morrison and H. T. Nation.

Co-opted members of the council include: Miss Flora Burns, Dr. D. L. McLaurin and L. W. Westendale.

Mr. Gilliland was scheduled to make an address, but because of the small attendance, blamed on the weather, it was decided to postpone the lecture to a later date.

Reports of the year's activities were presented by the secretary and treasurer, showing membership stood at 162 and finances in a flourishing condition.

Park Ice No Good For Skating Yet

Parks officials reported today a few over-enthusiastic ice skaters have been casting sidelong glances at frozen lakes in Beacon Hill Park, but that is as far as they should go.

The ice on Goodacre Lake and smaller stretches of water in the park was far from the thickness it should be for skating, they stated.

If the ice becomes sufficiently strong for skating, the park men will announce the fact so that skaters can try their blades without fear of accidents.

Alderman Gets Bird As Gyros Celebrate

It was a case of "Alderman Waldo Skillings getting the bird" at Monday's Christmas dinner meeting of the Victoria Gyro Club at the Empress Hotel.

Alderman Skillings, whose ticket was declared winner of the annual turkey draw, was presented with a real live bird and when he released his grip slightly, it appeared as if the bird actually had Waldo.

Club members voted the sum of \$100 to assist in the financing of the British Columbia athletes on the British Empire Games team.

Gyro Wally Cameron announced that the club's children's Christmas party would be held at the Newstead Hall Wednesday evening, commencing at 7.

It was announced by president Bud Hocking that the next luncheon meeting would be held on Jan. 9. James C. Kemp, head waiter at the Empress Hotel, was presented with a cheque by President Hocking on behalf of the club.

Rev. William Hills, in his Christmas message to the club, said the essential problem today was whether men could remain free. People must forsake their luxuries as they were jeopardizing their liberty, he said.

Saskatchewan Sends 152 Families Here

Saskatchewan sent 152 families in receipt of family allowance to B.C. and received 39 during December, according to a report of W. R. Bone, regional director of family allowances, Monday.

Figures for the month revealed an influx of families still coming into the province with 428 entering and 235 leaving. Manitoba sent 96 families and received 29; Alberta sent 94 and received 113. Cheques were mailed early to clear the office for the holiday and to give mothers time to shop for their children's Christmas needs and gifts.

Total allowances paid for the month continued to mount, reaching a new all-time high of \$1,762,706 paid on behalf of 294,978 children in 154,340 families, reflecting an average allowance per child of \$5.58.

Reserves Judgment

Judgment was reserved by Mr. Justice A. D. MacFarlane in Supreme Court Monday on the \$1,600 suit of Francis W. Bull, Fulford Harbor, falling contractor, against Harry Barnes, logging operator. Bull claimed Barnes owed him that sum for work done on Salt Spring Island.

McIntyre Funeral To Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Susan H. McIntyre will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 at St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church.

Oil Workers Press For Removal Of Gasoline Marketing Controls

B.C. oil workers, as represented by the Oil Workers' Council (C.C.L.-C.I.O.), today joined the ranks of major oil companies in asking abandonment of price and marketing controls exercised by the B.C. government over gasoline and petroleum products.

The council, representing all the organized oil workers in the province, sent a delegation of about a dozen to meet the provincial cabinet today. Alex McLeod acted as chief spokesman for the group.

To the cabinet the council presented a resolution which said: "The Oil Workers' Council (C.C.L.-C.I.O.) urges the provincial government to do everything within its power to promote the delivery of western Canadian crude oil, by pipeline or otherwise, to Canadian Pacific ports, and expedite the creation and expansion of the manufacturing of petroleum products by removing any handicaps that tend to impede the development of the oil industry in the province of British Columbia."

The resolution claimed that "the development of the oil industry in British Columbia in the fields of exploration and refining of petroleum products have made little or no advancement in the last 10 years." It said the control in B.C. "is apparently not guided by competitive world markets or prevailing Canadian prices and... by its very existence, restricts free enter- and the free process of collective bargaining."

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The Innocent Impostor

By Renee Shann

CHAPTER 25

PATIENCE felt a rising excitement. The sun was shining. The sky was blue. London was thrilling. And to think that she was to be here for a whole week-end!

"What are we going to do?" she asked.

"Well, first we're going to the photographer's."

"Why?"

"To get your photograph taken."

"What on earth for?"

"Ah, that's telling."

"Roger! Please! Don't be mysterious. Who wants my photograph?"

"I do for one, darling. But I'm not the chief person concerned. The higher authorities are needing it."

They had reached the car now. He opened the door for her.

"Hop in," he said, and as they drove off: "There's a shop in Victoria Street, who've promised to get it through in half an hour." He glanced sideling at her: "How's your French by the way?"

Her breath caught in her throat. What on earth was all this about?

"I love you when you look bewildered," he said softly. "You're awfully sweet, Patience, you know. Just what do you feel about me as a point of interest?"

HER FIRST LOVE

Patience had been wondering this herself quite often recently. When Roger was with her it sometimes seemed that Paul was

forgotten. And then when she was gone from him she knew that this was impossible. Paul was her first love, her real love.

But Roger attracted her. And when he kissed her—when he touched her hand—when he was touching it now—yes, even though they were driving through the crowded London streets—her heart raced against her side.

"Well?" he was saying. "You've not answered my question."

"Tell me first what all the excitement is about?"

He grinned.

"As I said—first the photographer. And then—"

"And then—oh, Roger! do be quick and tell me—"

"Then the passport office. Luckily I can pull a few wires and get it all through very quickly. Within a couple of hours your passport should be ready."

She gasped. Vaguely at the back of her mind she'd an idea of what was going to happen. But it was too exciting! Too incredible! And Aunt Helen would certainly never allow it. Only Aunt Helen would never know. At least not until it was over.

"Roger, you don't mean—"

FLYING TO PARIS

"We're flying to Paris for the week-end. On the first plane tomorrow. Don't look so startled. It's all quite respectable. Charlotte, you and I are going, and you'll be back in London on Monday in time to catch your previous 6.30 back in the evening."

Patience awoke the next morning, and lay quite still for a moment, enjoying to the full the lovely exciting feeling that today something really thrilling was going to happen to her. Hastily she stifled the little pang of conscience that came to her as she thought of her aunts. It was absurd to allow herself to worry about them. Besides maybe she could tell them all about it once she was safely home again.

And now here was Elizabeth arriving with her early morning tea. She sat up in bed.

"Is it a fine morning, Elizabeth?"

"Wonderful, miss."

Patience sprang out of bed. She took her tea into Charlotte's room to find her coming to life with extreme reluctance. "Of all the ungodly hours to wake up—"

"I always wake early."

"Well, I warn you I don't, and when I'm made to I'm invariably extremely bad tempered."

Patience looked at her warily.

"Would you rather I took my tea back to my own room?"

"No. I'll put up with you. Only don't be too chatty."

"I won't. But don't lie there too long, or you won't be ready when Roger calls for us."

"I'll be ready all right."

She wasn't. She kept him waiting 10 minutes. Patience fretted and fumed. She herself had been dressed, and her suitcase packed, for a long while.

Roger, also waiting for Charlotte with some impatience, looked at her as she stood there,

in a grey suit of Charlotte's with a fluffy little white blouse, and a quite ridiculous hat, and said with a smile: "Do you realize how very much you're to be envied?"

"In what way?"

"Because you get such a kick out of all this."

"Aren't you getting a kick out of it? Isn't Charlotte?"

"Oh, yes. But it's not the same. We're not doing it all for the first time." He stood looking down at her, an odd expression in his eyes. "That, of course, is what I find so utterly enchanting about you. You're so fresh and unspoiled."

Patience drew a little quick breath. Her eyes danced.

"I thought you might find that rather dull."

"Dull! Don't be silly. Here, stand still! You've got a smut on your nose." He removed it with a corner of his handkerchief. And then dropped a light kiss where it had been. "It's a very nice little nose, incidentally."

"Am I interrupting something?"

There was an edge to Charlotte's voice. She stood there in the doorway looking ravishing. She was completely the finished article. Not a hair out of place. Her make-up perfect. Her suit of a soft beige woollen material, looking every bit the fantastic extravagance it was.

Roger laughed easily.

"Nothing at all. Are you ready?"

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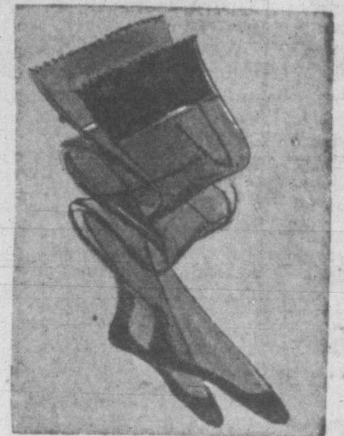
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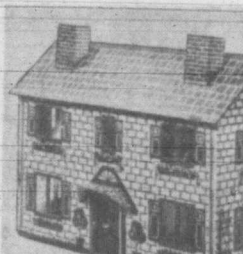
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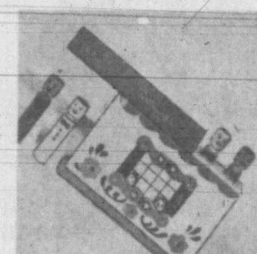
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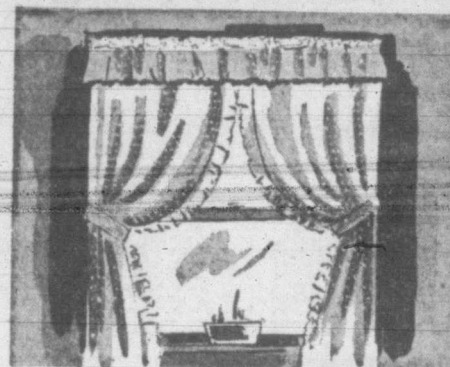
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